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M. W. Bro. Sam Harris is a man of Devon, being born at Lower Ingley, in the Village of Broadwoodkelly, North Devon, England, on May 27th, 1885, and was educated at the Mint Wesleyan School in the City of Exeter, Devonshire.

He came to Canada in March, 1904, and lived in Miami, Manitoba, until October, 1905, when he moved west to Saskatchewan and filed on a homestead north of Regina. For a time he was in the employ of the Provincial Department of Agriculture, but from 1907 to 1910 resided on his homestead, when he again moved west, this time to the Peace River country, where he has since made his home at High Prairie.

Bro. Harris was initiated into Masonry in Wascana Lodge No. 23 at Regina, on June 18, 1906, under the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. He joined as a charter member in 1908, Philethia Lodge, at Nokomis, and was selected as its first Senior Warden. His removal to the Peace River enabled him to become a charter member of Wahpun Lodge No. 88, on its institution in April, 1915, serving this lodge as its first Senior Warden. He was elected Master in 1917 and filled this office again in 1921 and in 1935. He has retained his membership in Wascana Lodge No. 23 (now No. 2 G.R.S.) since his initiation, in 1921 he was elected a Life Member of that lodge, and was also elected a Life Member of Wahpun Lodge in 1923.

District No. 13, comprising the lodges in the Peace River district, was formed in 1918, and Bro. Harris was elected its first District Deputy Grand Master. He has served on the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge continuously since 1921 and from 1917 to the present has never missed attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, which is possibly a record.

In 1937 our brother was elected Junior Grand Warden and in the following years was elected Senior Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and in 1940 Grand Master.

As Grand Representative he served the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, near this Grand Lodge, for twenty years, when he was appointed Grand Representative for our mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1941.

In Capitular Masonry he is now a Life Member of Wascana Chapter No. 1, R.A.M., in Regina, and is also a member of Capital City Chapter No. 13 in Edmonton.

A member of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Western Canada, he served as Grand Inspector General in the year 1938. He has held several offices in the Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, is a Knight Grand Cross of the Red Cross of Constantine, and is at present Right Illustrious Grand Intendant General for the Western Division. He has membership in Edmonton Preceptory No. 46, Knight Templars and also in the A. & A. S. R., the Royal Order of Scotland and the A.A.O.N.M.S.

For one who has lived for so many years in what, until recently, was considered the far north, the foregoing is an impressive list of Masonic and Concordant Orders.

Bro. Harris was married in 1914 and has one son and one daughter. As a citizen he is always ready to assist in any civic effort and has served on the School Board and in other capacities. He is also a Justice of the Peace. A respected member of the community in which he pioneered in the early days of settlement, when transportation was first by canoe and dog team, then oxen and horses, now the steel is laid across the plains, roads are driven through the wilderness and cars and airplanes are common, he has experienced them all. Today he is carrying on quietly with his farm on the outskirts of High Prairie and his business in the town.

Although much handicapped by living so far from the population centres, as Grand Master he managed to visit all the Masonic Districts as well as a number of lodges in various parts of the Jurisdiction. His visits in all cases were warmly appreciated and his efforts to further the cause of Masonry received wholehearted support from the members and officers of Grand Lodge. The highlight of his year was, perhaps, the inauguration of a Masonic Fund, in aid of those suffering from the bombing attacks of the enemy on the cities and towns of Great Britain. This fund, although started when every other organization authorized to solicit money for auxiliary war services had been operating for some time and were being supported by Masons everywhere, proved to be very successful and can be considered as evidence of the appreciation of the Craft for the sincerity which marked the Grand Master's appeal.

M. W. Bro. Harris had a genuine personal sympathy with every Mason who brought his problems to him and took infinite trouble to foster that harmony which should always exist in Masonry. The result of his efforts culminated in what was a most successful and particularly harmonious Grand Lodge Communication, at which it was obvious that delegates from far and wide came not only to attend to the business in hand, but especially to honour their Grand Master, who had so faithfully served them prior to and during his year of office. We trust it will be many years ere he breaks his record of continuous attendance at Grand Lodge.

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ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Alberta, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was opened in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on Wednesday, June 11th, A.D. 1941, A.L. 5941, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m.

PRESENT

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W. Bro. Roy F. Anderson	W. M.	" 42
Bro. J. P. Beattie	S. W.	" 42
W. Bro. Robt. Whitfield	W. M.	" 45
Bro. W. C. Swift	S. W.	" 46
W. Bro. Harvey Bennett Welsh	W. M.	" 47
W. Bro. Howard P. Wright	W. M.	" 48
Bro. James Hutton Scott	S. W.	" 48
Bro. Joseph W. McKie	S. W.	" 49
W. Bro. Austin Harvey Grant	W. M.	" 51
Bro. Geo. Thompson McMurray	S. W.	" 51
W. Bro. Hector McGregor	W. M.	" 53
Bro. Stanley Korek	S. W.	" 53
W. Bro. Elmer L. Appleby	W. M.	" 54
Bro. Robert Donaldson	S. W.	" 54
W. Bro. James Hogarth	W. M.	" 59
Bro. Roland H. Holbrook	S. W.	" 59
Bro. R. Anderson	S. W.	" 62
W. Bro. William Henry Thornton	W. M.	" 63
Bro. F. G. L. Mitchell	S. W.	" 63
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Bro. C. L. Hay.....	S. W.	" 72
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W. Bro. Phillip Wilcox.....	W. M.	" 76
W. Bro. Leslie E. McIntosh.....	W. M.	" 77
Bro. A. G. Bond.....	J. W.	" 78
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W. Bro. Herbert D. R. Stewart.....	W. M.	" 83
Bro. William Wallace Ferguson.....	S. W.	" 83
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Bro. F. E. Millett.....	S. W.	" 86
W. Bro. James T. Clarke.....	W. M.	" 87
Bro. John Haining.....	J. W.	" 87
Bro. William Gilpin.....	J. W.	" 88
W. Bro. G. Shaw.....	W. M.	" 90
W. Bro. George Mortimer Freeze.....	W. M.	" 91
Bro. George Blyth.....	J. W.	" 91
W. Bro. T. S. Hollingworth.....	W. M.	" 92
W. Bro. Lionel Arthur Bennett.....	W. M.	" 93
Bro. M. R. Eckel.....	S. W.	" 94
W. Bro. G. F. Stokes.....	W. M.	" 96
W. Bro. Leslie Stephens.....	W. M.	" 98
W. Bro. A. M. Graham.....	W. M.	" 100
W. Bro. Guthrie Calder.....	W. M.	" 101
Bro. H. A. Macgregor.....	S. W.	" 103
Bro. David Adams.....	S. W.	" 104
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W. Bro. Bruce Cecil Downey.....	W. M.	" 107
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Bro. Connor W. Edwards.....	S. W.	" 113
W. Bro. George Martin.....	W. M.	" 117
Bro. James Phillips.....	J. W.	" 117
W. Bro. Thomas W. Birkett.....	W. M.	" 118
Bro. A. McLuckie.....	J. W.	" 118
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Bro. Gerald D. Fish.....	J. W.	" 146
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Bro. Joseph J. Watson.....	J. W. " 157
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OPENING

The members having assembled in the Lodge Room, the Grand Director of Ceremonies informed the Grand Master, who with his Grand Officers proceeded in procession and assumed their stations. A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

AMENDMENT RE BALLOTING

The Grand Master explained that it would be necessary to immediately consider proposed amendments to Sections 17 and 19 of the Constitution as adopted at the Annual Communication last year, so that the voting for the Board of General Purposes would conform with the voting for the Grand Officers, in order that if approved by Grand Lodge, the amendment could become effective at once. He then called on R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), Chairman of the Special Committee on Grand Lodge Elections, who presented the motion, of which notice had been given, which was seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), as follows:

"That Section 17 of the Constitution, as adopted at the Annual Communication in 1940 be amended as follows:

"By striking out that part which refers to the Board of General Purposes and substituting the following:

"For the Board of General Purposes the ballot shall be as follows:

Board of General Purposes

(Mark 1, 2, 3, etc. in order of your notice. Make a choice for each name on the ballot.)

Amos, James.....
Butler, Alexander.....
Cameron, Albert.....etc."

"That Section 19 be amended by inserting after the word 'manner' in the fifth line: 'The ballots shall be counted for the various offices in the order of precedence as given in Section 5 (Const.) after which the ballots for the Board of General Purposes shall be counted. When any nominee has been elected to an office, his name, in counting future ballots, shall be disregarded and the next choices thereon used in numerical order.'"

The motions on being put were carried unanimously.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

The Grand Master requested M. W. Bros. Downey, Kemmis and Moore to retire and introduce M. W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M. W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and our guest speaker, W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams. These distinguished visitors

were admitted and escorted to the altar, M. W. Bro. Downey introducing M. W. Bro. Brooks, M. W. Bro. Kemmis introducing M. W. Bro. Simpson, and W. Bro. Crane-Williams was introduced by M. W. Bro. Moore. They were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master and invited to seats on the dais.

RECEPTION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CALGARY

The Grand Master requested M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay to retire and introduce His Worship the Mayor. R. W. Bro. A. Davison on being introduced was warmly welcomed by the Grand Master and invited to a seat in the East. His Worship replied, thanking the Grand Master and Grand Lodge most cordially for their very kindly and enthusiastic reception, saying that he especially wanted to thank M. W. Bro. Macaulay for his kind references, and in answer to M. W. Bro. Kerby's query as to his place of birth, stated he was very proud of the fact that he was born in Northern Ireland, where they still speak the Scottish tongue in all its purity. As a matter of fact, Ulstermen claim that they are an improvement on the Scots.

He continued: "These are very busy days and since Monday morning this makes the fourth convention I have had the privilege of welcoming to the City of Calgary and I will have another tomorrow. It would be a calamity to subject you to a long speech on the achievements of the City of Calgary and its many advantages as a Convention City, for we have all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of the so called Western City. But in all seriousness, brethren, I want in the name of the City of Calgary to extend to you a very hearty welcome and express the wish that you may have a very profitable and harmonious stay in our midst.

"I would like on my own behalf to extend my congratulations to our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, on the completion of a very successful year of office. We all know that his home is in the northern part of our province, and he is thus far removed from the centres of Masonic activity. Nevertheless, he has kept in touch and has travelled probably thousands of miles to meet with his brethren in their lodges, giving counsel and advice where necessary and pressing home the need for his Grand Master's Fund which he instituted. As a result, Masonry has benefited in no small manner from his energetic service.

"We are meeting today under conditions of the most serious kind. Our Empire is facing the greatest trial of its long and honorable history. As partners we Canadians are certainly going to see to it that we bear our full share of the responsibilities which may be laid upon us. As Freemasons, we should be even more concerned, because we recognise in this hideous thing called Naziism an enemy of all that Freemasonry stands for. We know that it has closed all Masonic lodges and confiscated their property in Germany and that wherever it has raised its ugly head the lights of Masonry have gone out. Only in the democratic countries are we still permitted to meet and do our work. It therefore behooves each one of us to do our part and see that every assistance is given to our country and the Empire, so that we may not lose this priceless possession of liberty of thought, word and deed.

"I know that you have a long agenda to complete and I must not take up any more of your time, but on behalf of the city and myself I sincerely trust that this will be a most successful communication of Grand Lodge and that everyone will enjoy their visit here."

MINUTES

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the Thirty-fifth Annual Communication, held in the City of Edmonton on June 12th and 13th, 1940, and as appeared in the printed Proceedings, be taken as read and confirmed."

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

At this point the Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76), P.D.D.G.M., to approach the East, where he presented him with a commission as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands, near this Grand Lodge, and trusted that he would faithfully attend our Annual Communications as such.

The Roll of Grand Representatives was then called, each representative taking his place before the altar. They were received with Grand Honours and M. W. Bro. John Martland, Grand Representative of the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia near this Grand Lodge, suitably replied, mentioning that the Grand Lodge he had the honor to represent had been one of the victims of Nazi fury, but although it is said that the lights of Masonry have been extinguished over most of Europe, he believed that Masonry though sorely wounded still survived and in time to come the lights would again shine with all their former strength and beauty.

The Grand Master requested each Representative to convey to their respective Grand Lodges his warmest fraternal greetings and those of this Grand Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following telegram was received from the Grand Lodge of Iowa who were meeting in Annual Communication:

"We extend our fraternal international handclasp in this chaotic world condition. May brotherly love prevail and all your actions be guided by fraternal tenets."

Also a telegram from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, expressing regret at the inability of the M. W. Grand Master to attend owing to illness and extending fraternal greetings and best wishes.

Telegrams and letters conveying best wishes for a successful communication and expressing regret at their inability to be present, were received from the following members of Grand Lodge:

M. W. Bro. E. A. Braithwaite, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. A. West, P.G.M.; R. W. Bro. E. V. Bergin, Grand Chaplain; R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, P.G.R., R. W. Bro. C. S. Spaulding, P.D.D.G.M.; V. W. Bro. J. R. McLeod, Grand Steward; V. W. Bro. A. H. Finch, G.S.; W. Bro. W. T. Coote, Grand Rep. G. L. of Idaho.

The Grand Master directed that suitable replies be sent to the telegrams received and expressed his regret at hearing of the illness of the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon Calvert of Manitoba, who with the Grand Secretary were to have been visitors at this communication.

Grand Master's Address

My Dear Brethren:

It affords me great pleasure to welcome you today, to this the Thirty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. Once again we are meeting in the City of Calgary, where it is my happy privilege to address my brethren. To you who are attending Grand Lodge for the first time, a special welcome is extended and I trust you will feel at home and as one of ourselves, while I am glad indeed to greet the faithful ones who are with us each year. I urge that we should all endeavour to make this communication a harmonious one and also one of profit and interest to each of us.

I hope you will pardon a little personal reference at this time. This is my 25th consecutive attendance at our Annual Communications and my 21st as a Grand Representative of a Sister Grand Jurisdiction. It is unnecessary for me to say how thankful I am that the Most High has permitted me to serve so many years.

When I was accorded the high honour, one year ago, of being installed as your Grand Master, I accepted the office with a full sense of my inability to fill it as it should be filled, but with a determination to do my best for the Craft. It was my earnest hope that I should be able to welcome you today with Peace once more reigning throughout the world. This was not to be, but we should give thanks to the Great Architect that we are permitted to assemble together in safety and quietude, a privilege that is denied to our brethren in a great many other Grand Jurisdictions. Let us pray that they too will soon be privileged once more to meet under the same peaceful surroundings as we enjoy. They are denied the right to meet, yet they keep faith, firm in their belief that truth will prevail, that out of chaos there will come happiness when their hearts and homes will again be filled with peace and joy.

I am glad to report that harmony prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and many of our lodges have enjoyed an active year. When we hear of others of our brethren ruled by the decree of Dictators, we should rejoice that we are free. Although we are living in an age of unsettled conditions, and the very peace of our land appears to be uncertain, yet progress is being made, which so long as we have faith, will and shall continue.

NECROLOGY

We are thankful that our official family has not been disturbed, although the Most High in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to summon many brethren of this Grand Jurisdiction and those of Sister Grand Jurisdictions to that land from which no traveller returns. I would particularly like to mention the passing of R. W. Brother T. G. Winning, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland who died on March 26th last. It was our privilege to welcome R. W. Bro. Winning to

our midst two years ago, he being a member of the delegation from the British Isles, who visited us at that time.

Their friendly and familiar faces are now treasured memories. To their loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

*"They are passing away, these dear old riends,
Like the leaves in the current cast,
With never a break in the rapid flow,
We watch them as one by one they go
Into the solemn past."*

Suitable reference will be made elsewhere by the Committee on Fraternal Dead.

INVITATIONS

Invitations were received to attend the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba at Winnipeg and the Grand Lodge of British Columbia at Vancouver. It was my great privilege and pleasure to accept these kind invitations and to convey on your behalf fraternal greetings to the brethren of the two neighbouring Sister Grand Jurisdictions to the east of us. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia will be held next week. I had the pleasure of the company of our Grand Secretary, M. W. Brother Kemmis on my visit to Saskatchewan last year, but unfortunately he could not arrange to accompany me to Manitoba, when I visited their Grand Lodge on Wednesday last. While there I was very pleased to hear Alberta referred to as being a friendly Grand Lodge, a reputation we should maintain, as I feel that inter-visitations between our Grand Lodges are beneficial and tend to cement the close fraternal relations that exist between us.

I regret exceedingly that M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon G. R. Calvert, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, has been prevented by illness from visiting us today, when we had hoped that he, with his Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell, would be with us. It is a great pleasure to have with us from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan M. W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Master, and from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, M. W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Master. We are particularly pleased to welcome our visitor from British Columbia as this is the first time we have been privileged to have a representative with us from our Sister Grand Jurisdiction to the west. We are also very happy to have with us today, W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, a Past Senior Grand Warden of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, English Constitution. W. Bro. Crane-Williams will be the Guest Speaker at our Banquet tonight.

We extend a very cordial and fraternal greeting to all of these distinguished brethren and hope they will again visit us on other occasions.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

Masonry in our Jurisdiction continues to show a healthy condition, although we have again to report a loss of 75 in membership, 47 fewer initiations, 13 more reinstatements, 6 less dismissions, 54 fewer suspensions for N.P.D. and a drop of 6 in the number who have passed away, our total membership at this time being 10,746.

We have not yet reached the plane desired and there are many things yet to be done to place our lodges upon the sound basis on which we would like to have them. Lodges are exercising due care in the selection of candidates and too much emphasis cannot be placed on the importance of such. This care might even affect our personal relations in some instances.

Whilst two lodges, Victory No. 112 at Jarrow in the 17th Masonic District and Rosebud Lodge No. 149 at Rosebud in the 16th Masonic District, have surrendered their charters; Melrose Lodge No. 139 at Daysland has amalgamated with Coal Lodge No. 62 at Bawlf, both in the 5th Masonic District, and Sharon Lodge No. 157 in the 7th Masonic District have moved their lodge from Iron Springs to Picture Butte, I do not wish you to interpret these changes as being a weakness in our ranks. Rather, I think they will prove beneficial both to the individuals and lodges concerned and to the Craft generally. Lodges were constituted years ago under very different economic conditions from those existing today. We might perhaps anticipate more changes along these lines in the coming years, for after all, a chain is not stronger than its weakest link.

A Masonic lodge can and should be a factor in the life of its community, not through any concerted action on the part of the lodge itself, but rather through the exemplary conduct of its members. The Institution as a whole is often judged by the actions of an individual, and when we assume the obligations of a Mason, we are responsible not to ourselves alone, but to those brethren with whom we are associated.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES

It was my pleasure in company with M. W. Bro. A. West, P.G.M., R. W. Bros. W. G. Fox and J. Paterson, D.D.G.M.'s; R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, J.G.W., and a large number of visiting brethren from Edmonton and other points, to attend the ceremony of amalgamation of Melrose Lodge No. 139 with Coal Lodge No. 62 at Bawlf on Saturday night, April 12th. I was pleased to approve of this amalgamation, as I believe these amalgamated lodges have a much brighter future ahead of them than if they had remained individual lodges. Coal Lodge was instituted in 1911 and I was informed this was the first time a Grand Master had visited them. Since amalgamation the lodge has decided to petition Grand Lodge to change their name from Coal to Melrose, which change I heartily recommend.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Several lodges have amended their Bylaws to provide for the minimum initiation fee of \$25.00. I was sorry to see this as it might tend to develop into a competitive spirit which is not desirable. I do not think this reduced fee is the solution to our problems. Of the two lodges surrendering their charters, one had the minimum fee of \$25.00 and the other a fee of \$30.00. Neither lodge had had any candidates for some time. I note several of the lodges with the minimum fee have had during the year either no candidates or only one or two, although, on the other hand, one lodge with the minimum fee, had 13 candidates. I wonder? Lodges with a fee of \$50.00 and higher have received the largest number of candidates. We should guard against taking all the available money an applicant has, whether the

initiation fee be \$100.00 or \$25.00. Lodges should keep this in mind. They are not only accepting an applicant into their own lodge, but also into the ranks of membership throughout our Jurisdiction and all those Grand Jurisdictions with whom we are in fraternal relation. I do not mean by this that only the wealthy or affluent are welcome, but rather, that the Craft insists and expects that its membership should have sufficient of this world's goods to properly fulfil the obligations they assume.

GENERAL

I would like to refer at this time to the practice of initiating a candidate on the same night his application is balloted upon. I doubt very much whether it is advisable to do this as I have seen very embarrassing situations arise as a consequence. It is better in my opinion to initiate the candidate, if accepted, at a subsequent meeting of the lodge. After all, surely he can wait a short time longer before being initiated.

I find some lodges do not adhere to the requirements of the Constitution advising their members regarding an applicant to be balloted on for membership. This omission has been drawn to the attention of these lodges both in the *Bulletin* and by personal letter, but still the practice continues. I wonder what these lodges would do if at some time they were instructed not to proceed with the ballot until after the requirements of the Constitution had been met. The name, age, occupation and residence of the applicant must appear on the Summons. See Section 194 of the Constitution. Lodges, please comply with this necessary requirement.

It has been drawn to my attention that, in some instances, lodges are not complying with the Constitution regarding the suspension of members in arrears for non-payment of dues. Our Constitution provides for automatic suspension after a member is more than one year in arrears. It would indeed be very unfortunate if a lodge were to have its charter suspended through failure to comply with these various requirements of the Constitution.

Some lodges elect or appoint members to more than one office in the lodge. This practice should be discontinued. It is considered correct Masonic procedure and custom that a member should hold only one office.

I have been very pleased to note the dignity that has been in evidence in the several lodges that it has been my privilege to visit. In these days there is a tendency towards slackness and a happy-go-lucky attitude. We do not want to let ourselves drift into this condition. Brethren, we should always remember we have a dignified position to maintain as Masons, and in order to do this we must be dignified ourselves.

A matter has been called to my attention to which all members of the Craft should give serious attention. I refer to the lack of proper discretion on the part of some when discussing our lodge affairs. Do not let this practice become too common, or even exist at all. Be circumspect Brethren, as there can be no possible excuse for such laxity.

I have noted with interest that inter-lodge visitation is increasing. This is a splendid thing as it is these friendly and fraternal visits that tend to make Masonry what it is and assists in binding our members and lodges more closely together.

I would like to suggest that more Worshipful Masters instal their successors into office than is now done. This is an old and established custom which we can follow to good advantage and benefit to ourselves.

One lodge, Bowden No. 42 at Bowden in the 4th Masonic District suffered a loss by fire. I have not learned of the extent of the damage, but am glad to report that this lodge is still carrying on.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

I was glad to have been able to attend all of the 17 District Meetings, accompanied by our Grand Secretary. A splendid feeling of comradeship and friendship was in evidence at each one of them and it was a great personal pleasure to meet and once more shake the hand of old friends of by-gone days. I have mentioned 17 District Meetings, but there are really only 16 as two Districts hold a joint meeting. I would like to suggest to the brethren of these two Districts that they consider in the future holding separate District Meetings as I feel their Districts would receive greater benefits if this were done.

Commencing with the meeting of Masonic District No. 13 in the Peace River Country, where I reside, we visited each district in turn and received a splendid reception everywhere. The journeys and days were long at times but we felt well repaid for our efforts. To the many brethren who extended their hospitality and assistance, we would express our thanks.

I was particularly pleased to see so many of our older members present at these District Meetings. They drove long distances to attend, in some instances at great personal inconvenience and expense. Several have passed the allotted span of three score years and ten but they still retain a keen interest in their lodges and in Masonry. I could not but admire these old stalwarts and felt that as long as these brethren kept up their interest year after year, Masonry had nothing to fear in Alberta. Then too, I was pleased to see so many younger brethren present. It will soon be their task to carry on and may they do so effectively and earnestly as our older members have done.

I thought at times of the number of members missing who would now be in the prime of life, the leaders and strength of our lodges. These lie in Flanders' Fields where they gave their lives for the cause of Peace—or so they believed. Let us hope and pray that our youth who are going forth at the present time will not be called upon to make similar sacrifice and create another break in our ranks and strength in the years to come.

Useful ideas and instruction were in evidence at each District Meeting. The District Deputy Grand Masters have given splendid service at a great personal sacrifice and loss of time from their business. They did everything in their power to have their District Meetings well organised, and the courtesies shown the Grand Secretary and myself were unlimited. I wish to thank every one of them for their loyalty and the assistance they have rendered both to the Craft and

myself personally. R. W. Brother District Deputies, it has been a pleasure to have had your assistance and co-operation, and I know that this year will be one that you will always remember with a great deal of enjoyment. I thank you most sincerely, Brethren.

It was also my happy privilege at the joint District Meeting of Masonic Districts Nos. 3 and 12 at Edmonton on October 12th, on behalf of Grand Lodge to present to His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen, Honourary Past Junior Grand Warden, a jewel of a distinguished member of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

At the meeting of Masonic District No. 11 at Champion on October 14th, it was my privilege on behalf of his lodge, Robert Burns No. 49, to honour one of the oldest members in our Jurisdiction in the person of W. Bro. James McNaughton, by presenting him with a 50 year jewel, the first to be struck from the die approved by Grand Lodge last year. Long may he be spared and blessed with good health to wear it. We cannot honour our old members too much.

Also on behalf of friends in Wahpun Lodge No. 88 (my own lodge) I was delighted to present to R. W. Bro. Chas. A. Walker, D.C.M., a wrist watch, on his joining His Majesty's Forces as Regt. Q. M. Sgt. at one of the Training Centres.

INVESTITURES

At King George Lodge No. 59, Calgary, on September 27th, I invested V. W. Bro. Cyril A. MacPherson of Crescent Lodge No. 87 as Grand Pursuivant and presented R. W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery with his certificate of election as Grand Registrar. At the District Meeting of Masonic District No. 4 at Olds on October 2nd, I invested V. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell of Kenilworth Lodge No. 29 as a Grand Steward. At the District Meeting of Masonic District No. 8 at Macleod on October 16th, I invested V. W. Bro. J. R. Macleod of Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86 as a Grand Steward. At the District Meeting of Masonic District No. 2 at Medicine Hat on October 23rd I invested V. W. Bro. H. W. Harper of Bassano Lodge No. 55 as a Grand Steward and at the District Meeting of Masonic District No. 1 at Calgary on October 26th I invested V. W. Bro. Cyril G. Childe of Cascade Lodge No. 5 as a Grand Steward.

To all of the above mentioned distinguished brethren I extend my personal congratulations and best wishes.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Our relations with the Sister Grand Lodges with whom we are in Fraternal Correspondence continue to be the most happy and pleasant, although, unfortunately, communications with some of these Grand Lodges have been interrupted on account of the awful turmoil that exists in the world today. It has been very encouraging to receive letters from some Grand Representatives who represent Alberta in the Sister Grand Jurisdictions to the south of us, giving assurance of their whole-hearted support in the great struggle in which we are engaged and that they were one hundred per cent behind us. Doubtless, our brethren have done a great deal to mold the public opinion existing at the present time in this great Republic.

Only one or two Grand Lodges in Europe are functioning today, and perhaps the end is not yet. In the other Grand Lodges the Lights

of Freemasonry have been extinguished as far as it is possible for Dictatorships to do so. Their properties and those of their individual members have been confiscated. In many instances our brethren have lost their lives. Our deepest sympathy goes out to these brethren, in this their hour of dire distress. The question now uppermost in everyone's mind today is: Will Freemasonry come back? The consensus of opinion is, that Freemasonry *will* come back. It has not been eliminated, but from its present ashes will spring up again stronger and more virile than before. Whilst European Grand Lodges are as dead as Dictatorships can make them, Freemasonry itself is not dead. It is but asleep in men's hearts. It will not be a resurrection but an awakening in the better days to come. Freemasonry can and will survive for an idea cannot be killed with a gun.

Let us pray brethren, that ere we meet again one year hence at our Annual Communication, that our brethren in Europe and other countries will once more be permitted to meet together in that peace and harmony that should at all times characterise Freemasonry.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The list of Grand Representatives contained a number of names of brethren who had passed on, some who had left the Jurisdiction and some who had not attended Grand Lodge for three successive years as required by the Constitution. I have revised the list, bringing it up to date by making nominations and Commissions have been received and formally presented to the following distinguished brethren:

Grand Lodge of North Dakota—R. W. Bro. F. G. Galbraith (29).
 Grand Lodge of Florida—R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51).
 Grand Lodge of Mississippi—R. W. Bro. John Paterson (77).
 Grand Lodge of Virginia—R. W. Bro. James Murray (16).
 Grand Lodge of Louisiana—R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson (8).
 Grand Lodge of Philippine Islands—R. W. Bro. Harry Ford (76).
 Grand Lodge of Vermont—R. W. Bro. John Booth (51).
 Grand Lodge of Tennessee—R. W. Bro. Dr. M. A. McIntyre (92).
 Grand Lodge of Manitoba—M. W. Bro. Sam Harris (88).

Nominations have been made but Commissions have not yet been received for the following:

Grand Lodge of Western Australia—R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124).
 Grand Lodge of Alpina (Switzerland)—R. W. Bro. Geo. Campbell (82).
 Grand Lodge of Paraiba (Brazil)—W. Bro. George W. Bureau (134).

Commissions have also been received for the following whose nominations were made previously:

Grand Lodge of Peru—R. W. Bro. W. J. Stephenson (12).
 Grand Lodge of Chile—R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell (11).

On the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Masters of the following Grand Lodges, I have been pleased to make appointments of Grand Representatives for the Grand Lodge of Alberta near their respective Grand Lodges:

Grand Lodge of South Australia—W. Bro. L. D. Cowling.
Grand Lodge of New York—R. W. Bro. Chas. J. Murray.
Grand Lodge of Alpina (Switzerland)—R. W. Bro. Charles Serex.
Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. Geoffry Stevens.

To all of these brethren I extend my heartiest congratulations with the sincere wish that they will be blessed with good health which will enable them to represent their various Grand Lodges at our Annual Communications for many years to come. The same sincere wish is extended to those brethren who represent the Grand Lodge of Alberta near other Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

EVACUEE CHILDREN

Early last summer it was expected that a large number of children would arrive from the Old Country for whom homes would be necessary in Alberta. In order that Masonry in Alberta would assume its rightful place in this movement, I immediately appointed R. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis, Deputy Grand Master and R. W. Bro. W. Ireland as a Committee to arrange the necessary organisation for the reception of those children whom our members would like to receive. The Jurisdiction was thoroughly organised although later the British Government decided not to send the children at that time. However, our organisation is still in effect should these children arrive later. My thanks are extended to R. W. Bros. Ellis and Ireland for the highly efficient manner in which they looked after the work in connection with our plan and also to those brethren who so kindly offered to take children into their homes.

MASONIC WAR FUND

Soon after my installation as your Grand Master I felt it necessary that we should have a Fund to which we could contribute as Masons and retain our identity as such. After considerable thought I decided the time was opportune and it was our duty to have such a Fund, and I therefore made the appeal to you with which you are all familiar. At first I did not consider it was advisable to have an objective as to the amount to be raised or how the Fund should be disbursed. At two committee meetings held later, one in Calgary and one in Edmonton, it was unanimously agreed that an objective of \$25,000.00 should be set and that the Fund should be used to alleviate distress and suffering caused by the War, as seen in the light of Freemasonry, to be disbursed by the Grand Master at this Annual Communication after consultation with the Board of General Purposes of this Grand Lodge. Events changed so rapidly and the want was so acute, it was suggested by several of our members that \$5,000.00 be immediately forwarded to the United Grand Lodge of England. Before doing this, every Grand Lodge Officer was requested to express his opinion regarding the matter and the result was overwhelmingly in its favour. Accordingly a draft was sent forward and your money might at this very moment be buying a meal or an article of clothing for some little homeless child or for some poor souls who have lost their all in the recent bombings. It might even be bringing a little gladness to one of our Canadian boys who is lying suffering on a hospital cot.

In sending the draft, I wrote H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, K.G.,
M. W. Grand Master, as follows:

March 31, 1941.

Most Worshipful Sir:

It is with much pleasure I am able to forward at this time the enclosed Bank Draft for Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). This is part of the proceeds of a fund especially raised by Alberta Masons for the relief of suffering and distress caused by the War, and we feel certain it cannot be placed in more sympathetic and competent hands than those of the Officers of the United Grand Lodge of England.

We are indeed happy to be able to render some small assistance. We think of our brethren and friends in the Old Land daily, with love and admiration for the wonderful spirit they are showing in resisting the aggressors, and you may rest assured that our membership is as one in loyal support of His Most Gracious Majesty King George, whom we are proud to honour with our brethren of Great Britain, as a member of our Craft.

We trust this terrible conflict will soon come to an end and that victory will be ours with peace reigning once more in the war stricken countries of the world today.

With sincere personal greetings, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

SAM HARRIS,

Grand Master.

The following reply has just been received:



9, MOTCOMB STREET, S. W. I.

30th April, 1941.

Dear Brother Harris

Thank you very much for your two letters,
and for the generous gifts which you forwarded
at the same time.

Grand Secretary has already written to
you to acknowledge the safe arrival of the jewels
and the cheque. I want, however, to send you
and the Brethren of Alberta a personal word of
thanks for your generosity.

The Brethren in this country appreciate
very deeply the kindness and thoughtfulness of
Freemasons throughout the Empire. It is indeed
encouraging in these difficult days to receive
such tangible evidence that the spirit of Freemasonry
is so alive.

I can assure you that the presents you
have sent on behalf of the Brethren of Alberta
will be of the greatest use in helping those
who have suffered severe loss and hardship.

Yours fraternally

Progs

M.W.Bro.
Samuel Harris, Grand Master,
Grand Lodge of Alberta,
High Prairie,
Alberta, Canada.

You will all remember the occasion of the dedication and consecration of the Masonic Peace Memorial Temple in London, England, a few years ago at which time Alberta was represented by our M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock. Now 900 poor homeless people take refuge in the basement of this Temple every night and the staff of the Temple and the Grand Secretary's office have very kindly volunteered their services in caring for these homeless ones at night, in addition to their own duties during the day. Whoever thought a few years ago when this lovely Temple was being consecrated to Masonry, that its basement would have to be used today for such a purpose.

Another item of interest in order to show you the purposes for Masonic Lodge Rooms are being used in the Old Land, I recently received a letter from a friend who is overseas as a member of one of the Provost Companies. Recently his company was billeted in a West of England town and on entering their billet and turning the lights on, he was agreeably surprised to find himself in a Masonic Lodge Room, which he said, was very similar to our own little Lodge Rooms in the Peace River Country.

Whilst our objective has not been fully attained and has meant a lot of hard work on the part of a great many of you, whose services and assistance I appreciate to the full, without your kindly assistance the Fund would not have reached the proportion it has. I feel we would have been very remiss in our duty as Masons if we had not endeavoured to assist those who are suffering and in dire need of succour. Their circumstances cannot be described in words. In many instances they have lost their all whilst we are still living in peace and plenty. Brethren, God knows what we have in our pockets, He also knows what comes out of them. Although the effort has been great, it has been worthwhile. I know there are a great many other funds which depend on our support, but I also think we have obligations to discharge, as Masons, which are imperative, and we should be proud to have had the privilege of assisting our brethren in Britain in their splendid work for the victims of aggression.

I am very glad indeed to announce at this time that the Masons in Alberta have so nearly reached their objective of \$25,000.00, that we can be certain of making up the full amount from Grand Lodge funds.

We have another period of reconstruction ahead of us. I wonder what part the members of the Craft in Alberta will take in that reconstruction? We do not know when this terrible conflict will end, but we do know it will be brought to a conclusion that will be in favour of Democracy. We want to be organised and ready for the re-establishment of our youth who have gone forth to fight that we may dwell in safety. I do not think there was ever a time when we as Masons had a greater opportunity to serve Masonry and our Country than we have today. There is a crying need for leadership. We can and should assume this duty. The youth of our country require this direction and are looking to us for it. We might even find it necessary to revise or change our ideas regarding Masonry. I do not mean we should try to tear down overnight what it has taken centuries to build, but let us inspire and train our youth, so that they may assume that leadership for the future that will forever safeguard our British and Canadian way of life. Let us be in the true sense builders—builders of character, builders of integrity and builders of ideals. The following little verse shows us plainly how we can do our bit to help those who will come after us:

*"An old man, going along the highway,
Came at the evening cold and gray
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim,
The sullen stream had no fear for him,
But he turned when on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.*

*"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here.
You never again will pass this way.
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you the bridge at even tide?"*

*The builder lifted his old gray head,
"Good friend, in the path that I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth, whose feet must pass this way.
This chasm that has been as naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be,
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim,
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."*

VISITATIONS

One of the greatest pleasures and privileges I have had as your Grand Master has been that of visiting and meeting you in your own lodges. I have always been received with that respect and courtesy that is due your Grand Master. I have met many old friends and I hope I have made many new ones. I have not made as many visits as I would like to have done although I have gladly given a great deal of time to my duties. I had the pleasure of visiting a lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction, Peace Lodge No. 126 at Dawson Creek, British Columbia. This lodge was instituted and constituted under the guidance of our Grand Lodge and many of us have always taken a very friendly and personal interest in its welfare. So much so, that a year ago they honoured your Grand Master by electing him as an Honourary Member. I was accompanied on this visit by several brethren of our Jurisdiction living in Masonic District No. 13. We were royally received and I believe visits such as this do a great deal towards cementing the friendship that has always existed between our Sister Grand Jurisdiction to the West of us and ourselves.

One meeting that will always remain fresh in my memory was the recent meeting of Wahpun Lodge No. 88, at High Prairie, of which lodge I am a member. The members present conveyed to me the greetings of the brethren living in Masonic District No. 13. I was the fortunate recipient of a lovely volume bound in vellum of replicas of famous old letters now in the British Museum in London, England. This was a personal gift from W. Bro. Crane-Williams. Needless to say, I greatly appreciate his kindness and thoughtfulness. It is such acts and kindnesses that enable one still to believe in his fellowman, for it is one thing to be honoured in a strange place, and another thing to be honoured by friends with whom one has lived for thirty years.

On my visits in the Edmonton and Calgary Districts I received the loyal support of all other Grand Lodge Officers, both present and past. I appreciate your assistance, brethren, also your good fellowship. The following is a detailed list of my visitations that are not mentioned under other headings:

On September 17th I visited King George Lodge No. 59 in Calgary. On this occasion the Lodge conferred the first degree on four candidates in a manner that might be termed perfect. Several Grand Lodge Officers were kind enough to accompany me at this time.

On October 18th I had the pleasure of attending the Banquet given by Calgary Lodge No. 23 on the occasion of their Annual Ladies Night.

On November 7th I visited Peace River Lodge No. 89 at Peace River, accompanied by several brethren from Wahpun Lodge No. 88. This was the occasion of the official visit of the D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. J. F. Kyle.

On January 18th I attended a Committee Meeting in Calgary in connection with our Grand Master's War Defence Fund. On January 19th I attended a similar meeting in Edmonton.

On January 31st I visited Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 at Grande Prairie. Representatives were present from four other lodges in this District, the meeting being called on behalf of our Fund. A very interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held and I am glad to report that the members of Grande Prairie Lodge have contributed very handsomely indeed to the Fund. I was accompanied on this occasion by R. W. Bro. E. V. Bergin, Grand Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. Norman Leslie, Grand Steward, together with several other Past Grand Lodge Officers.

On March 1st I visited Camrose Lodge No. 37 at Camrose in order to meet the brethren of the district and those who are stationed in the Military Training Centre there. A very pleasant meeting was held and it was a pleasure to meet the brethren of that district. I was accompanied on this visit by M. W. Bros. W. J. Botterill and A. West, P.G.M.'s, R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, S.G.W.; R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, J.G.W.; R. W. Bro. W. G. Fox and R. W. Bro. R. M. Coote, D.D.G.M.'s; V. W. Bro. A. Blackie, S.G. Deacon; V. W. Bro. G. H. Macdonnell, Grand Steward; Bro. Herbert Wild, Grand Organist and a host of other Past Grand Officers.

On March 4th I visited Unity Lodge No. 51 at Edmonton. This is the largest lodge in our Jurisdiction. I was accompanied on this occasion by a number of Grand Lodge Officers, both present and past. This lodge is fortunate in having our Junior Grand Warden and Senior Grand Deacon as members. It was my privilege on this occasion to present to R. W. Bros. R. J. Bradley, John Paterson, John Booth and Dr. M. A. McIntyre their Commissions as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge for the following Sister Grand Jurisdictions: Florida, Mississippi, Vermont and Tennessee.

On March 5th it was my pleasure to visit Star of the West Lodge No. 34 at Leduc. Several Grand Lodge Officers and other brethren accompanied me on this occasion. The work of the lodge was done in a very creditable manner and I was glad that I found it possible to visit them.

On March 8th I visited Zetland Lodge No. 83 in Calgary. This was a memorable occasion in that Zetland Lodge contributed \$1,100.00 to their Grand Master's War Defence Fund. They have since made further contributions. This meeting was unique in that the W.M.'s

and their Wardens of all city lodges excepting one W.M., who unfortunately had recently broken his leg, were present, together with the W.M. and Officers of nearby country lodges. Great credit is due the D.D.G.M. of Masonic District No. 1, R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Guthrie, for his splendid work in arranging this meeting. Nothing better could be desired. It was a pleasure to have the company and assistance of a large number of Grand Lodge Officers at this meeting.

On March 21st I visited Spirit River Lodge No. 116 at Spirit River. R. W. Bro. E. V. Bergin, Grand Chaplain, and V. W. Bro. Norman Leslie, Grand Steward, very kindly accompanied me at this time. It was a pleasure to see that Spirit River still maintained their excellence of Work.

On May 19th I visited Empire Lodge No. 63 in Edmonton on the occasion of their 30th Anniversary and their Annual Empire Night. It was a memorable meeting. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, Bro. J. C. Bowen, Hon. P. J. G. Warden, honoured the meeting with his presence. Many Grand Representatives from other Sister Grand Jurisdictions in the British Empire were present and presented their greetings. There were also present a great many other Grand Lodge Officers both present and past. It was an occasion when every one felt proud they were a small part of our great British Empire. The British Empire and British ideals still stand out as the one bright light against the black background of cruelty, despotism and intolerance which exists in this troubled world of ours today. Brethren, the Union Jack is still flying at the masthead, as has recently been evidenced. Let us extend ourselves to keep it there.

*"Britannia needs no bulwarks,
No towers along the steep;
Her march is o'er the mountain waves,
Her home is on the deep".*

You might be interested to know how far your Grand Master travels during his year of office in the interests of his duties. I have travelled approximately 14,693 miles,—11,428 miles by train and 3,265 miles by car.

CONFERENCE

Last Fall an informal meeting was held at Banff between representatives of the Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Alberta. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were present from each Grand Lodge together with R. W. Bro. R. Clement from British Columbia and M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore and R. W. Bro. W. Ireland from Alberta. Several matters of mutual interest were introduced. I believe the discussion was beneficial to both Grand Lodges. We have many problems in common and it was decided to hold a Conference last April of representatives from the four Western Jurisdictions in Canada: the Grand Lodges of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta. Unfortunately, through unforeseen circumstances this conference could not be held and I would suggest that an endeavour be made to hold such a conference later this year.

DISPENSATIONS

The usual dispensations were issued by the Grand Secretary who will submit these to you in his report. The majority of them

were to change night of meetings, nights of Installation and to attend Divine Service wearing Regalia.

I caused dispensations to be issued to receive the report of the Investigating Committee and ballot on candidate in less than the required time of eight weeks in three cases. To receive and act on petition of an applicant without the necessary residential qualifications in three instances. To confer a degree in three days less than the required four weeks and to receive and act on an application from an applicant with a physical defect in one instance. Before issuing these dispensations I satisfied myself the reasons submitted were valid and in order.

I refused dispensations in two cases to confer the third degree one week less than the required time as the circumstances did not appear to warrant them.

On March 8th, 1941, I consented to the removal of the consecration of the Lodge Room of Pembina Lodge, No. 126, at Pembina, in the 12th Masonic District, the Lodge Room being required for school purposes.

RULINGS

A request was made through a lodge from two officers of a regiment serving in England, who had been resident in Alberta, for membership in that lodge, inquiring if application was favourable, could they receive the three degrees in England?

I ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta, but who were stationed in England.

In the case of an application for reinstatement after suspension N.P.D., the committee reported verbally and unfavourably. Objection was taken to a verbal report and the matter was laid over until the next meeting in order to have a written report. Such report being favourable the ballot was taken and proved favourable, the Master declaring the brother regularly reinstated, who was duly notified. Later the question was raised as to the legality of the form of the committee's report and a ruling was requested as to whether the reinstatement was Constitutional.

I ruled that the brother was reinstated by the Master's declaration which must stand, but I consider that the whole proceedings, to say the least, were irregular.

JURISPRUDENCE

Rulings Nos. 6, 43 and 54 of previous Grand Masters as to the qualifications of a Past Master do not appear to coincide. It is difficult to understand how a Master can serve if absent. I would recommend these rulings be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for clarification.

RECOMMENDATION

As we are at this Annual Communication, for the first time using a new system of balloting, considerable time will be saved in the business session of Grand Lodge. I would therefore recommend that the incoming Grand Master appoint a committee to consider the advisa-

bility of making a change in the time of opening of our Annual Communications, also dealing with the matter of lodge proxies. The said committee to present their report at our next Annual Communication and to give any necessary notice of motion in accordance with our Constitution.

CONCLUSION

* Be a Grand Master ever so capable, he cannot accomplish very much without the assistance and co-operation of his Grand Lodge Officers and fellow members. I have received that co-operation this year in every possible way. I cannot mention by name all those to whom I am deeply indebted but would like to mention R. W. Bros. G. F. Ellis and W. Ireland for their services in connection with the Evacuee Children, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell for ably editing the *Bulletin*, which is enjoying much wider publicity and favourable comment. M. W. Bros. W. J. Botterill, Dr. S. M. Snedden, Dr. G. W. Kerby, Dr. V. H. Macaulay, Geo. Moore and A. West, also R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming and the other chairmen of local committees for their untiring efforts in connection with the Grand Master's War Defence Fund, more particularly perhaps, Bro. Cumming. As chairman of the general committee for the southern part of the Jurisdiction, he did splendid work and it is largely through his efforts the Fund has been so successful. The Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, R. W. Bros. F. P. Galbraith and R. J. Bradley, the R. W. Bro. District Deputies and all other Grand Lodge Officers for their kindly and timely assistance at all times. They have all devoted a great deal of their time and energy in the interests of the Craft and have done much to make my year of office successful and pleasant.

To the members of my own District, I wish especially to convey my thanks, and last, but not least, to our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis. He has always been ready to lend his valuable aid and assistance whenever requested to do so. I owe him a debt of gratitude that will be very hard to repay. It has been a great pleasure and privilege to have been so closely associated with him as I have been this year, and personally, I feel that I have greatly benefited from this association. To all these brethren and the many others, I can only say, a great, big, thank you.

One often hears the question asked, "What is wrong with Freemasonry?" In reply, I have asked the question, "Is anything wrong with Freemasonry?" If the Masons who ask the question, "What is wrong with Freemasonry?" will first give serious consideration to the reason why they do not get the pleasure and satisfaction from Masonry which they had anticipated, or had perhaps at one time enjoyed, they might be able to find the answer. Our greatest need is not more Masons, but better Masons—Masons who will take their vows seriously, who are willing to work for Masonry and ask no reward save the satisfaction which comes from the consciousness in having done their part towards making this world of ours a better and a happier place in which to live. If we do this, brethren, we do not need to ask ourselves, "What is wrong with Freemasonry?" or "Is there anything wrong with Freemasonry?" I am not a pessimist, but I believe darker days are ahead of us. Let us meet them bravely and cheerfully. Let us take our places in the present conflict as citizens and Masons should do. Let us practice friendship

in and out of our lodges. To enjoy life one must have friends and in order to have friends, one must be friendly. So then, let us be kindly and friendly one towards another, and by our lives and actions make the lives of those about us happier and more useful. We must draw closer together in brotherly love than perhaps we have done. Perhaps the future happiness of mankind rests upon Masonry. If this is so, then upon you and I rests a great responsibility. Let us practice kindness and generosity at every opportunity, then when we present our ashlar for His judgment, He may in His great mercy find in it some semblance of perfection.

We feel proud that so many of our members have answered the call of our King and Country, many of them for the second time. They have seen fit to forego the pleasures and comforts of their normal lives and those of their families in order to render service where'er the call may come. To them, all honour and glory, and we wish them God-speed with the sincere wish they will be safely returned to their families and to us in the near future. To those who have suffered bereavement during the past year, we extend our deepest sympathies. We all know what suffering is.

Tomorrow I hand over the gavel to my successor with my best cordial good wishes. I am grateful for the privilege and opportunity of being allowed to serve you and I thank you one and all for making this possible. The past year has been the busiest, and perhaps the happiest of my life. I can truly say at the end of my year—I have done my best. I have doubtless made mistakes, but I hope they were harmless and I hope I shall be permitted to serve you for many years to come, even though it be in the humblest capacity.

*It is the personal touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand and mine,
Which means more to the fainting heart,
Than shelter, or bread, or wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And bread lasts but a day,
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice.
Sing on in the soul alway.*

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sam Harris". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Grand Master.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. E. Hall (28), "That the Grand Master's Address as presented be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Master's Address."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members
of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Once more we have assembled to transact the business pertaining to this Grand Jurisdiction and once more, as is customary at an early stage in our deliberations, we pause awhile to pay tribute to the memory of those of our brethren who, since our last Communication, have been called from the Labour of this Grand Lodge to the Refreshment of Eternal Rest in the Grand Lodge Above.

While we give thanks to the Most High that the Grand Lodge line of officers has been spared, it is with deep regret that your committee has to report that the names of 144 members have to be recorded on the Memorial Page as "THE HONOURED DEAD OF OUR OWN JURISDICTION." Some are the names of brethren known to many of us, but all remain a revered memory to the lodges in which they laboured.

*"We cherish their memory in our hearts;
Their spirits we commend to God who gave them."*

Among the list of names, we would specially mention:

R. W. Bro. Thomas MacPherson, North Star Lodge No. 4, Lethbridge. A Mason for 61 years, he was Senior Warden of his Mother Lodge, St. John's No. 4, Winnipeg, in 1882, but being moved to Medicine Hat he did not serve as Master. In 1885 he assisted in forming Medicine Hat Lodge No. 31, G.R.M. (now No. 2 G.R.A.) and was Master in that year. In 1886 he was transferred to Lethbridge, where he helped to organize North Star Lodge No. 41, G.R.M. (now No. 4 G.R.A.) and served as its Master in 1888 and 1889. He was elected J.G.W. Grand Lodge of Manitoba in 1889 and S.G.W. in 1890. He afterwards moved to Tacoma, Washington, and resided there until his death at the age of 90 years. He was a Life Member of North Star Lodge No. 4 and presided at the 50th Anniversary of that lodge.

R. W. Bro. James Stanley Reid, St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 10 in 1918 and was Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of North Dakota at the time of his death.

R. W. Bro. Alexander M. Morrison, Summit Lodge No. 30, Coleman. Initiated in 1908 and a Life Member of his lodge. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 8 in 1927.

R. W. Bro. Carl Julius Braren, Cairo Lodge No. 32, Claresholm. He was elected D.D.G.M. of District No. 6 and served in that office in 1923.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Henry Shieman, Dynamic Lodge No. 96, Holden. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 17 last year, but died very shortly after the completion of his year of office.

V. W. Bro. Peter Tomkins, Wahpun Lodge No. 88, High Prairie, a member of the Grand Master's lodge, was Grand Steward in 1932.

W. Bro. James F. Gorrill, Gleichen Lodge No. 36, Gleichen. He was Secretary of the lodge at the time of his passing, and was well known in the southern part of the province.

W. Bro. Robert Dunbar Sutherland, Crossfield Lodge No. 48, Crossfield. He was the Master of the lodge at the time of his death and was also a Past Master of Carstairs Lodge No. 20. He was an active worker in the Municipality and also in Military circles.

Bro. Henry W. Wilson, St. Mark's Lodge No. 118, Calgary. An ardent church worker and a humble member of his lodge. He did not aspire to high office, but, by the regularity of his attendance at meetings and committees, he set an example that could well be imitated by us all. He passed away a very few hours after attending lodge. He pleaded thereto no excuse.

This tribute is intended to apply to all those faithful members who, by the regularity of their attendance, have been a source of strength and encouragement to their Masters and Officers, and who having finished their course have entered into their Rest.

Many distinguished brethren of other Grand Jurisdictions have passed away during the year. In their day they have contributed much to the welfare of their respective Grand Lodges. One of the foremost, **R. W. Bro. Thos. G. Winning**, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, was one of the Scottish Delegation who visited Alberta with the English and Irish Representatives in 1938 and many of us made his acquaintance.

Notice has been received of the passing of twenty Past Grand Masters from various Grand Jurisdictions in the U.S.A. In our own Dominion we have to record the deaths of **M. W. Bro. James Edward Beck** and **M. W. Bro. Martin Luther Grimmett**, both Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Also **R. W. Bro. Andrew Browning Baird**, Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

We sympathise with those Jurisdictions for the loss they have sustained.

Man is naturally a Religious Entity. From earliest times he has been imbued with a subconsciousness that a Supreme Being has control of his existence. No matter what form of religion he practises, that idea still obtains. It was man's attempt to do without God that brought sentence of death upon the Human Race, and man's life on this earth is the struggle to get back to his original state. There are still some today who refuse to recognise the Hand of the Divine Creator in the wonders of the Universe, and look upon Death as the end of all things, insofar as man is concerned. We as Masons, however, believe in the Immortality of the Soul, and around that belief revolves the whole structure of Masonry.

For us Job's question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" has been answered in the affirmative and that though,

*"We lay in dust life's Glory, dead,
Yet from the ground there blossoms, red,
Life that shall endless be."*

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. GUTHRIE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. F. Casteel (19), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. C. S. Paterson (22), "That the Report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and the sympathy of Grand Lodge assured to affected lodges and Grand Lodges."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 12:15 o'clock noon.

First Day = = = *Afternoon Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 2:05 o'clock p.m.

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER

The Grand Secretary having stated that one nomination for Grand Master only had been received, for R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, D.G.M., the Grand Master accordingly declared R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis unanimously elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The D.D.G.M.'s present gave a brief outline of the condition of Masonry in their respective districts and presented their official reports, which follow:

REPORTS *of District Deputy Grand Masters*

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT

Calgary, May 15, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

As your Deputy for the above District, I have the honour to submit, for your consideration and approval, my report for the year 1940-41.

My schedule was arranged in order that I might complete my first round of visits by the end of November. This left the month of December free for Installations. Since December I have visited most of the lodges a second time, and subsequent visits to some on special occasions. These second visits were not pre-arranged, and I was therefore able to see the ordinary business routine and the usual method of conferring degrees. It was a great pleasure for me to renew acquaintance with the brethren of the various lodges, all of which I have visited in times past. One thing that struck me very forcibly—and feelingly—was the manner in which the Toast to the King and the Craft was drunk on all occasions, in some instances the National Anthem being sung as a Prayer. We recognise that Masonry can only exist just so

long as Free Peoples and Free Institutions last—and no longer. The struggle in which we are now engaged is for the preservation of that Freedom that is our Priceless Heritage, and that is the spirit I found existing in all lodges in this district. Loyalty to the King, to the Craft in general, and to the Grand Lodge of Alberta in particular was the keynote at all the meetings I attended, and I was proud, M. W. Sir, to be your representative at these meetings.

I have classified my impressions. during my year of office, under various headings as follows:

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting, held this year on October 26th, 1940, comes fairly early in the District Deputy's year of office, and he has the doubtful pleasure of seeing his successor elected before he has really commenced his duties. However, it enables the Grand Master to meet the brethren as soon after his election to that high office as possible, and all districts are pleased and honoured to have him at their meetings.

With the District Meeting comes the District Deputy's most anxious time. This year an experiment was tried, and I think the result warrants a repetition, although, of course, my successor may have different views.

At a meeting of the Masters held on September 11th, it was decided that, instead of the officers of one lodge opening and another closing the meeting, a Past Master from each lodge in the district should occupy the chairs. It was the consensus of opinion, after the meeting, that the result justified the experiment. The sad thing in connection with the arrangements was that W. Bro. R. D. Sutherland, Master of Crossfield Lodge No. 48, who attended the Masters' Meeting, and nominated R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie to act as Chaplain at the District Meeting, was laid to rest less than two weeks later, his nominee conducting the Funeral Rites.

It must have been very gratifying to the Grand Master, as it was to every brother present, to see the large gathering of Grand Officers, present and past, that accompanied him on this occasion. Amongst those signing the register were R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, D.G.M.; R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, S.G.W.; R. W. Bro. Russell Bradley, J.G.W. and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and six other Grand Officers. We were also pleased to welcome M. W. Bro. T. F. English, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. Rev. G. W. Kerby, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, P.G.M.; M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.G.M., and twelve other Past Grand Officers. Altogether the attendance approximated 140.

In the course of the afternoon two pleasing ceremonies took place. The first was the investing, by the Grand Master, of V. W. Bro. C. G. Childe, Cascade No. 5, into the office of Grand Steward. The second was the presentation to R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith, S.G.W., of his Commission as Grand Representative, Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The S.G.W. briefly addressed the meeting, as also did R. W. Bro. Russell Bradley, J.G.W. The Grand Secretary had charge of the Question Period, after which the Grand Master gave an address which was very timely and much appreciated.

The ballot having been concluded, the result showed that W. Bro. Geo. Ritchie, Mount Lebanon No. 54, had been elected to the office of D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year.

In the evening about 120 brethren assembled in the Banqueting Room under the Chairmanship of the Junior Grand Warden, who had made a special trip from Edmonton for the occasion. The Toast to "The Grand Master and Officers of Grand Lodge", proposed by W. Bro. A. W. Dingle (28), was replied to by the Grand Master in another inspiring address. The Guest Speaker was Bro. Rev. W. Hollingsworth (59), who favoured us with another of his inimitable discourses. And so another District Meeting came to a close.

My thanks are due to all those who helped to make the occasion a success.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS

Under this heading, and in date order, is the visit of the Grand Master to King George Lodge No. 59 on Friday, September 27th, 1940, attended by a goodly number of Grand Officers. During the evening V. W. Bro. C. A. MacPherson was invested into the office of Grand Pursuivant in the presence of a large number of brethren from all lodges, who had gathered to hear the Grand Master. Altogether it was a pleasant and profitable evening.

Mention must also be made of the "Interprovincial" Meeting held at Banff on Saturday, October 12th, 1940. It is becoming an established custom for Cascade No. 5, to, once a year, issue a general invitation to the brethren from adjoining Provinces to visit them. Hence the term "Interprovincial." There were present on that occasion R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, D.G.M.; and M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.G.M. (both of whom addressed the meeting); M. W. Bro. T. F. English, P.G.M. (who was visiting his "Mother" Lodge, and who gave an interesting account of the lodge in the very early "90's"), and a number of Grand Officers, past and present. Twenty-one lodges, representing several Provinces, were present, and it was interesting to listen to the Greetings brought from lodges as far apart as New York and Victoria, B.C.

The arrangements for this meeting reflect great credit upon the Master, Officers and members of No. 5.

Another splendid evening was that of March 8th, 1941, when members from all lodges in the district, as well as a goodly number from other districts, gathered in the Masonic Temple to welcome the Grand Master on what would, in all probability, be his last visit to this district during his year of office as Grand Master. The Master of Zetland Lodge No. 83, willingly agreed to postpone his lodge meeting from March 6th to March 8th, and it is entirely due to R. W. Bro. H. D. R. Stewart and his Officers and members that the evening was such a success. The Grand Master expressed a wish to meet personally as many of the brethren as possible, and full advantage was taken of the invitation.

We heard two fine addresses from the Grand Master—one in the Lodge Room and the other in the Banqueting Room, where Bro. Chambers, K.C., (83), gave a splendid address on "CANADA".

The Meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all, Zetland Lodge living up to their reputation as wonderful hosts. My thanks and appreciation were duly expressed to them.

EVACUEE CHILDREN

In July, 1940, the Grand Master instructed the D.D.G.M.'s, through the D.G.M., to call a meeting of Masters, Wardens and Secretaries for the purpose of studying the Government Regulations, and also to ascertain from the lodges the names of brethren willing to accept one or more of the children. Unfortunately I was absent from the city at this time, but the meeting was ably arranged by the District Secretary, W. Bro. C. S. Orr (9), and presided over by my good friend and brother, R. W. Bro. W. Noble. Before the movement could be fully developed, the difficulties in Transport became acute and the project apparently lapsed. However, some brethren have accepted children of friends and relatives for the duration.

GRAND MASTER'S WAR DEFENCE FUND

By Circular Letter dated October 1st, 1940, the Grand Master informed every brother in this Grand Jurisdiction that he had decided to institute the above Fund. In order to bring about a better understanding of its aims and objects the Grand Master called a special meeting of Grand Officers and Masters residing in the Calgary district on January 18th last. After considerable discussion it was agreed that the main object should be the relief of want and suffering brought about by the diabolical bombing of civilians in the Old Land. At a later meeting, under the chairmanship of M. W. Bro. Macaulay, it was agreed to form committees in each lodge in this district for the purpose of canvassing the members. This has been done, I believe, thoroughly and, I hope, satisfactorily to all concerned. Special speakers have visited the various lodges and good results are anticipated.

WORK

I have attended both Regular and Emergent Meetings at most of the lodges, and am happy to say that they have been conducted with efficiency and dignity. It was apparent, in most cases where degrees were conferred that the Ritual had been studied as well as memorized. I would suggest that the Chaplain's Chair be occupied by either a Past Master or an experienced brother, instead of, as is the case in some lodges, of classing the Chaplain as the Junior Officer. Some years ago the Grand Secretary who was then the Custodian of the Canadian Work, ruled that the Chaplain's Chair should be in the East, a decision that I was entirely in favour of.

MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Most of the lodges have a committee working, and the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* is used in most cases in this connection. Some of the lodges mail a copy of the *Bulletin* to each of their out-of-town members, which I think is a policy worth imitating by other lodges. Much of the educational activities this year have centred around the Grand Master's War Defence Fund, which, in times like these, is a Masonic Education in itself, pointing out, as it does, that sacrifice is the price of Freedom and that Freemasonry can only exist where Freedom reigns supreme.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Judging by the various reports, and from personal enquiry, the financial condition of the lodges in general seems to be good, and the outlook for the ensuing year, in the majority of cases, optimistic. There is, however, a lack of uniformity in the valuation of Buildings and Furniture and Fixtures. In some cases the amount of Depreciation is shown—in others it is deducted but not shown—and in others, again, no depreciation is deducted. This applies also to lodges meeting in the Masonic Temple where Bonds are held. Some show the original amount of these Bonds in full, while others reduce each year. Uniformity in this matter is, I think, desirable.

ATTENDANCE

This has, and I suppose always will be, an unknown quantity. It is hard to gauge whether a brother absents himself on account of lack of interest or whether he really pleads only sickness or the pressing emergencies. The difference in the attendance at an Emergent Meeting, as compared with the Regular meeting, of a lodge's own members has often been remarked. Evidently it calls for brighter Regular Meetings. Masonic Research and Education was, I believe, for this purpose, and should be encouraged. However, as citizens, greater demands are being made upon our time now than ever, and if a member is not actively engaged in the work of the lodge he naturally goes where he can do the most good. Notwithstanding all this, I firmly believe that the Spirit of Masonry is as strong, if not stronger, than ever, and must not be gauged by the attendance in these abnormal times.

The percentage of members at each meeting is about 35 per cent (45 per cent out-of-town, and 30 per cent city).

There is a net decrease in membership of 60—34 having entered the Grand Lodge Above, whose presence we miss and whose passing we deplore.

GENERAL

Fraternal visits have been exchanged on numerous occasions, and in some cases the city lodges have helped the country lodges by conferring degrees. I had the pleasure of visiting Mountain View Lodge No. 16, Olds, when Perfection Lodge No. 9 conferred the third degree in full regalia, and I was enabled to renew acquaintance with M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. James Mruray, D.D. G.M. District No. 4.

"National" evenings have, I believe, been more in evidence than previously, and have been the best attended of the meetings—evidently a sign of the times. Splendid addresses have been heard on all these occasions.

CONCLUSION

On all my visits I have been loyally supported by brethren of various lodges, who, without my mentioning them by name, know how much I appreciated their kindly presence and assistance.

As a good Secretary is a pillar of strength in any well-governed institution, I wish to express my sincere thanks to the District Secre-

tary, Wor. Bro. C. S. Orr (9), for his unselfish and untiring energy in carrying out the duties of that office.

I would also bespeak the same support and consideration for my successor, W. Bro. Geo. Ritchie (54), as that accorded to me by all.

To you, Most Worshipful Sir, I wish to say that it has been an honour and a pleasure to have been your District Deputy, and trust that my efforts will meet with your approval.

And to you, Brethren, thank you for having conferred that honour upon me by Election.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE A. GUTHRIE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 1.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT

Bassano, May 30, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report as D.D.G.M. for the Second Masonic District for the year 1940-41.

First of all, I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Lodge in Medicine Hat for their support which they have rendered me during my term of office, and particularly to R. W. Bro. S. T. Fawcett, who so kindly accompanied me to Grassy Lake and Bow Island Lodges. I also want to say thanks to the Officers and Members of the lodges in the district for the consideration shown me when making my official visits.

It has been my pleasant experience to visit all the lodges in the district as well as Gleichen Lodge No. 36 of District No. 1 at your request in connection with your War Defence Fund.

I am pleased to report that throughout the entire district, harmony and a brotherly spirit prevails among the brethren in the individual lodges as well as the most cordial relations existing between the lodges themselves. Without exception, I have been received with the greatest courtesy and genuine fellowship was extended to me by all as your representative.

I regret to report that the average attendance shows a decrease, but this, however, is to be expected due to the war. A large number of our faithful members have enlisted in the overseas services, and some are now in Great Britain fighting for our freedom. Nevertheless, the average attendance is very gratifying.

During my term of office I have advocated the policy of opening on time, so as to enable the country members to return to their homes at a reasonable hour. I am pleased to report that this has increased the attendance so far as the smaller lodges are concerned, and I hope that the practice of opening on time will be continued.

My official visits were made as follows:

Manyberries Lodge No. 133, Manyberries... August 21, 1940
 Brooks Lodge No. 73, Brooks..... November 19, 1940
 Quarry Lodge No. 70, Redcliff..... January 7, 1941
 Mizpah Lodge No. 35, Medicine Hat..... January 21, 1941
 Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Medicine Hat... February 11, 1941
 Bow Island Lodge No. 64, Bow Island..... February 18, 1941
 Bassano Lodge No. 55, Bassano..... March 11, 1941
 Grassy Lake Lodge No. 57, Grassy Lake... March 13, 1941

CONDITION OF MASONRY

From my visits to the various lodges, I am pleased to report that the officers are very capable, and in each lodge the business was handled in a very efficient manner. The books and records in all the lodges are in good order and extremely well kept. There were some exceptions, but these have since been rectified. I would like particularly to mention the Historical Registers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, and Quarry Lodge No. 70, Redcliff, the completeness of which is a credit to the authors.

The district shows a net decrease of two members. Otherwise, the figures are practically the same as for 1939.

I am also pleased to report that the liabilities of the district have been reduced from \$1,165.00 to \$771.52—a decrease of \$393.48—and the total assets this year are \$27,002.84, which is an increase of \$539.45 over last year. The outstanding dues have been reduced from \$1,517.10 to \$1,102.00.

DISTRICT MEETING

The annual District Meeting was held in the City of Medicine Hat on Wednesday, October 23, 1940, and a splendid attendance of members from all the lodges of the district was noted. The meeting was opened by the officers of Mizpah No. 35 of Medicine Hat. We were pleased, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and several P.D.D.G.M.'s.

During the meeting the Grand Secretary outlined the changes made in the Constitution regarding the suspension of brethren for N.P.D. and other changes which were made at the last annual Grand Lodge meeting at Edmonton. He requested the brethren to read the Grand Lodge Proceedings and familiarize themselves with the current changes.

M. W. Bro. S. Harris invested V. W. Bro. H. W. Harper as Grand Steward. W. Bro. C. M. Chalmers of Brooks Lodge No. 73 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1941-42, and Medicine Hat was selected for the next District Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

After the banquet, which was held in the Masonic Hall at 7:00 p.m., we were pleased to hear your address regarding the Grand Lodge activities, and the War Defence Fund in aid of the distressed overseas brethren who were bombed from their homes. All Masons were asked to contribute to their fullest extent.

We were also favored by an address by Bro. (Rev.) Bainbridge entitled "Brotherhood", and remarks from M. W. Bro. J. A. Jackson, P.G.M. These were greatly appreciated.

JOINT INSTALLATION

On December 27th I had the pleasure of installing (jointly) at Medicine Hat, the officers of Medicine Hat Lodge No. 2, Mizpah Lodge No. 35 and Quarry Lodge No. 70 of Redcliff. This was done with the kind assistance of R. W. Bro. R. H. Struthers and R. W. Bro. Jesse Elliott, as well as other Past Masters of Medicine Hat.

One special feature that I would like to mention was the play put on during the evening by the Medicine Hat Masonic Research Committee entitled "Greater Love Hath No Man". This is a wonderful Masonic play and it is regrettable that it could not be put on at Grand Lodge, as the play brings out forcibly the true spirit of Masonry.

GENERAL

During my term of office, I held several meetings in the district in connection with the British Evacuee Children and the Grand Master's War Defence Fund. I attended a meeting at Gleichen regarding the latter fund, and I am pleased to state that Gleichen guaranteed \$200.00 in aid of this fund.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Bro. W. A. Noble who acted as Secretary at the District Meeting.

In conclusion, I would like to express also my regrets in not having submitted my returns to you promptly, but it was utterly impossible to do so, and I sincerely hope you will excuse me. However, as outlined above, I performed the other duties assigned to me as your D.D.G.M. and endeavored to fulfill the duties required of me.

Fraternally submitted,

H. H. BEEBER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 2.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT

Leduc, April 26, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the Third Masonic District for the year 1940-41.

It has been my privilege to visit all the lodges in the district officially once, and most of them on other occasions unofficially a number of times.

I was able to arrange a visit to all of the lodges but one, previous to our District Meeting and wish to express my appreciation to the officers of all the lodges for their willingness to help me in arranging for my visits and particularly to Edson Lodge for calling an Emergent Meeting on a night previous to the Regular Meeting night of Jasper Park Lodge so that I was able to make the two official visits on one trip. It was with sincere regret that I was not able to make an official visit to Commercial Lodge No. 81, Edmonton, before the District Meeting but time and circumstances would not permit.

The work of organizing the district for the reception of our British Child Guests was upon us almost at once after installation and this was the chief item of interest during the first months of office and up to about the time of the District Meeting. Much correspondence was carried on and several meetings of officers and workers were held. While this work has been dropped for the time being, many fine examples of Masonry were brought to our attention and most of us who were working in this cause feel that our efforts and time were not spent in vain.

My official visits were as follows:

Star of the West Lodge No. 34, Leduc.....	July 3rd, 1940
Meridian Lodge No. 129, Stony Plain.....	August 14th, 1940
Edson Lodge No. 68, Edson ...	Sept. 11th, 1940
Jasper Park Lodge No. 143, Jasper	Sept. 12th, 1940
Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton ...	Sept. 17th, 1940
Wetaskiwin Lodge No. 15, Wetaskiwin....	Sept. 19th, 1940
Edmonton Lodge No. 7, Edmonton.....	October 8th, 1940
Commercial Lodge No. 81, Edmonton.....	Nov. 2nd, 1940

On all my visits, M. W. Sir, I was treated with the courtesy and respect due to your representative. The Craft in general and the officers in particular were always ready and willing to do everything that could be done to make my visits pleasant and profitable. Any suggestions or criticisms that I made were treated with due consideration.

The business of the lodges in this district is conducted in a very efficient manner and the degree work that I saw was very well done.

Districts No. 3 and 12 held a joint meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, October 12th, 1940, R. W. Bro. J. Paterson and myself presiding. The attendance was not large, but every lodge in our district was represented. Reports from the Masters on their respective lodges proved interesting and most were favorable. A list of Constitutional questions and answers which had been prepared created keen interest and some comment. Questions and demonstration of the "Work" were well received.

Your presence with us at that time, and also the presence of the Grand Secretary, and your assistance and advice helped to make the meeting really worth while. Your address was timely and helpful to all who heard it.

W. Bro. Eric Hawkins of Commercial Lodge No. 81, Edmonton, was elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, as D.D.G.M. for District No. 3, for the coming year. I bespeak for W. Bro. Hawkins a continuance of the splendid support which I have received at the hands of the brethren.

The business of the District Meeting was completed before the supper and following supper we were favored with a very fine address by M. W. Bro. G. M. Blackstock. This was both provocative and instructive and close attention was given to the speaker.

W. Bro. Gordon J. Kelley who has filled the position of Secretary for Districts No. 3 and 12 is deserving of special mention. His splendid attention to detail relieved the D.D.G.M.'s of much work and worry.

The institution of the Grand Master's War Defence Fund in October took the attention of all active Masons and meant a great deal of extra correspondence with each lodge in the district and with the officers of the different lodges. The secretaries of the lodges have been very helpful and very cheerful about the extra work. A number of special visits to the different lodges have been made and willing brethren have helped out with transportation, etc. Much work remains to be done if we are to accomplish our objective in this regard.

In connection with this fund I wish to express my appreciation of your two visits to our district. I refer to your visit to Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton, and to my own lodge at Leduc. These visits were very opportune and I feel sure assisted materially in the work of carrying out the drive for funds, not only within these two lodges but through the influence of the visiting brethren at both these meetings.

A number of Edmonton brethren have given valuable assistance by their timely visits to other city lodges and to country lodges and generally standing by with that fine spirit of fellowship which has always counted for so much in Masonry.

One of the outstanding events of the year in this district was an Emergent Meeting in Unity Lodge No. 51, Edmonton, when the members of the R.C.M.P. in Scarlet and Gold Uniforms, filled all the officers' chairs and exemplified the second degree with one of their own comrades as the candidate, he being a newly elected member of the lodge. The work was exceptionally well done and a very large gathering of members were present. Following the meeting Bro. Hancock addressed the gathering at the supper table. Inspector Hancock is head of the force in Alberta.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I wish to say that I find a splendid spirit among the brethren in this district. The brethren in the city spend a good deal of time visiting the country lodges and visiting with the other city lodges. Brethren visit back and forth from one district to another, all of which tends to widen the fellowship and strengthen bonds of Masonry. Finances are in good shape and the future of Masonry in our district looks very bright. Degree work is well done and the higher things in Masonry are being kept before the brethren.

I am deeply grateful for the very splendid support that I have had from yourself and the other Grand Lodge Officers as well as for the very fine support that many of the brethren have given me. Space

will not allow me to mention each one but I feel I must mention the way in which my own brethren in Star of the West Lodge have assisted me in supplying cars and attending in such large numbers and so often. Many of the Edmonton brethren have gone to a lot of trouble in getting parties together to attend the country lodges and I want to assure them that their efforts have been appreciated.

I shall have many happy memories of my year as D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 and shall cherish the many friendships which I have formed.

Fraternally submitted,

R. M. COOTE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 3.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Olds, May 7, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit herewith my report as your deputy for District No. 4. First I wish to express to you, M. W. Sir, my sincere appreciation for the privilege of representing you during the year in this district.

One official visit was paid to each lodge in the district and unofficial visits to several of them. I was received with the customary honors at each lodge and experienced the utmost cordiality in all cases.

The dates of the official visits were as follows:

Kitchener Lodge No. 95.....	September 3rd, 1940
Eureka Lodge No. 10.....	September 4th, 1940
Britannia Lodge No. 18	September 5th, 1940
Red Deer Lodge No. 12.....	September 10th, 1940
Carstairs Lodge No. 20.....	September 12th, 1940
Lochearn Lodge No. 151.....	September 17th, 1940
Innisfail Lodge No. 8.....	September 19th, 1940
Bowden Lodge No. 42.....	October 8th, 1940
Mountain View Lodge No. 16.....	November 4th, 1940
Kenilworth Lodge No. 29.....	November 5th, 1940
King Hiram Lodge No. 21.....	December 10th, 1940

I am glad to report that the lodges in this district are in a healthy condition financially. In spite of nearly all of them having lost members to the active service of the army, they are all active and progressive in their outlook. There have been an average number of

good candidates coming forward to join the Fraternity. They all have comfortable quarters in which to meet. Some are exceedingly well housed. Only one lodge carries a debt of any considerable size and it is being carried without too much difficulty. Bowden Lodge was unfortunate in having a fire in March, but the building was not damaged beyond what the insurance would repair.

At many of the meetings, work in the various degrees was exemplified, in most cases very creditably. Those entering the Order impress one as being men of high calibre who will have a keen appreciation of the nature and objects of the Masonic Fraternity and who in turn will make a contribution to its work and progress. At all the meetings I stressed the importance of educating the members in the history, development and tenets of the Order and recommended to their favorable consideration the Lodge Plan of Masonic Education. Copies of the plan being available on request there would appear to be no excuse for not using it more generally.

Starting in July some organization work was done to ascertain how many members of the various lodges were in a position to entertain, for the duration of the war, child refugees from Great Britain. A meeting was held in Red Deer on July 20th to lay particulars before representatives of the lodges of the district. The policy of the government regarding the transportation of the children was changed shortly after so that many of those who expressed a willingness to act as foster parents were unable to get their expected guests.

During the months of January and February several meetings were attended to explain the objects of the War Defence Fund which you announced late in the fall. The response has been reasonably satisfactory, the amount of \$1,781.62 having been sent to the Grand Secretary from this district.

The District Meeting was held at Olds on October 2nd in the Library of the Agricultural School. There was an attendance of fifty at the session in the afternoon—all lodges in the district being represented. About eighty attended the banquet and the evening session.

At the afternoon session W. Bro. G. A. Burns and M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill spoke briefly on the topic "What Should Masonry Bring to the Man Who Joins the Craft?" Bro. Edwin Yewell and Bro. W. J. Botterill presented brief, thoughtful papers on "What Influence Has Masonry Had on My Life." These papers were well received and brought out considerable discussion.

At the evening session the brethren were glad to hear your address as well as a brief message from M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore and the Grand Secretary.

R. W. Bro. W. A. Henry was presented with the regalia of a P.D. D.G.M. and cordially thanked for his excellent work on behalf of the district for the year 1939-40.

W. Bro. Dan Morkeberg of Innisfail Lodge No. 8 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1941-42.

I wish to express to the brethren of District No. 4 my thanks for the honour they did me in electing me to act as your Deputy in this district. The work has been most enjoyable. I was received most

cordially on all occasions and I trust my efforts on behalf of Masonry in the district have been acceptable. My particular thanks are extended to R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Secretary of this district, who accompanied me on all my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES MURRAY,

D.D.G.M. District No. 4.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Provost, May 6, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my report as your representative of District No. 5.

My term of office has been a most pleasant one and although we are living in very strenuous times which demand from all of us sacrifices, this Masonic year 1940-41 will be in my mind as a pleasant and happy memory, and I wish to thank the members of this Fifth Masonic District for the honour they bestowed upon me.

I called a meeting at Hardisty Lake in August for the purpose of organizing the lodges in this district to take care of any Child Guests who might come from the Motherland through the Grand Lodge of England, but up to the present time none have been called upon to give their services for this cause.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual Meeting of District No. 5 was held in the Masonic Hall, Provost, on Tuesday, September 24th, 1940, and the meeting was opened by members of Efficiency Lodge No. 141. This meeting was favoured by the attendance of M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, also R. W. Bro. F. Jaeniche, P.D.D.G.M. of District No. 13, G.R.S., and R. W. Bro. E. Ellergot, D.D.G.M. of District No. 13, G.R.S. Representatives from each lodge in the district were present and 120 members and visitors were in attendance. R. W. Bro. F. Jaeniche of Louseland, Sask., gave a splendid address and was well received by all those present. At 5:30 the meeting was called from Labor to Refreshment to attend dinner in the Royal Theatre, kindly lent by W. Bro. Eric Dawson. At 7:30 Labor was resumed and the chairs were taken by the Officers of Alliance Lodge No. 135. We had a splendid address from the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris. Nominations were called for D.D.G.M. for 1941-42 and W. Bro. Shepard

of Alliance Lodge No. 135 was nominated, and declared elected by acclamation, subject to the Grand Master's approval. W. Bro. Shepard thanked the brethren for the honour bestowed upon him and invited District No. 5 to hold the next Annual Meeting at Alliance, which was heartily accepted.

Officially I visited each lodge in the district as follows:

Sept. 4th, 1940—Alliance Lodge No. 135, Alliance.
Oct. 10th, 1940—Camrose Lodge No. 37, Camrose.
Oct. 23rd, 1940—Forestburg Lodge No. 128, Forestburg.
Nov. 6th, 1940—Tuscan Lodge No. 43, Killam.
Nov. 12th, 1940—Melrose Lodge No. 139, Daysland.
Nov. 13th, 1940—Comet Lodge No. 50, Hardisty.
Jan. 16th, 1941—Morning Star Lodge No. 79, Loughheed.
Feb. 20th, 1941—Coal Lodge No. 62, Bawlf.
Mar. 3rd, 1941—Efficiency Lodge No. 141, Hughenden.
Mar. 7th, 1941—Harmony Lodge No. 75, Sedgewick.
April 16th, 1941—Provost Lodge, No. 61, Provost.
May 1st, 1941—Excelsior Lodge No. 80, Strome.

On each of my visits that I made by road I had the pleasure of the company of several of the members of Provost Lodge and I wish to thank them for their kindness to me in this respect, as most of the lodges visited were 100 to 145 miles away, entailing considerable night driving and their company was very acceptable.

On March 1st, 1941, I had the pleasure of visiting Camrose Lodge with the M. W. the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris and several other Grand Lodge Officers: R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith of Red Deer, R. W. Bro. J. J. Bradley, J.G. Warden, R. W. Bro. R. M. Coote, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3, R. W. Bro. J. Paterson of District No. 12. The reception accorded to us by the members of Camrose Lodge was splendid and a most enjoyable time was appreciated by all.

The application for the amalgamation of Coal Lodge No. 62 and Melrose Lodge No. 139 had been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master and on April 12th, 1941, I had the pleasure of attending Coal Lodge No. 62 at Bawlf for the purpose of the above amalgamation. At this meeting we of District No. 5 had again the pleasure of having with us M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, M. W. Bro. A. West, R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, R. W. Bro. J. Paterson and several other Grand Lodge Officers from Edmonton Lodges and I wish to thank these brethren for their kindly assistance and co-operation. About 70 members were present from various lodges in the district. A very generous response was given to the appeal for the Grand Master's War Defence Fund, and I sincerely hope that this joining of these two lodges will have a happy future for the members affected.

The whole of the Fifth Masonic District subscribed well and liberally to the Grand Master's War Defence Fund and I wish to thank all who gave of their time and substance for this effort. To all of the Edmonton lodges which I visited during my term of office I wish to extend my thanks and best wishes and also for the kindly co-operation from R. W. Bro. J. Paterson and R. W. Bro. R. M. Coote, who made my visits with the several lodges most happy.

I would also like to thank R. W. Bro. A. W. Fiske for the kindly help he gave to me when he volunteered to act as District Secretary and also to all the brethren who assisted me on the several occasions.

To all the lodges in this district I wish to again extend my thanks for their kindly reception of me and those who visited with me and the friendships renewed will be a lasting memory.

To my successor W. Bro. Shepard I extend my best wishes and know he will endeavour to carry on the Masonic tradition in District No. 5.

I hope before another year is ended that we will again see a just and rightful peace in the world, and that Masonry will continue to flourish.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM G. FOX,

D.D.G.M. District No. 5.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Parkland, May 10, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report for the Sixth Masonic District for the year 1940-41.

The first matter requiring urgent attention after I took office was our Guest Children. I called the officials of the lodges of the district together to discuss the problem, in the light of information received from the Grand Secretary's office. The matter was well received, but circumstances arising in Great Britain, made it unnecessary to proceed with the work of finding homes for these children.

The District Meeting was held at Stavely, on Tuesday, October 15th. The attendance in the afternoon was smaller than average, as threshing in this district was in full swing, due to delays by wet weather. All lodges but one were represented. Certain parts of the Work in each rite were exemplified and the helpful criticism by yourself, M. W. Sir, and the Grand Secretary was appreciated. The report of the P.D.D.G.M. was read by R. W. Bro. Patterson and a very healthy discussion took place. The banquet was held in the United Church rooms in Stavely. The two speakers at the banquet were yourself, M. W. Sir, and R. W. Bro. D. H. Galbraith of Vulcan. The usual toasts, music and two items in the lighter vein, were included. Many members expressed their enjoyment of both food and program and again I wish to express the thanks of the Masons of District No. 6 and Stavely Lodge in particular, to the Stavely Ladies' Aid, for the banquet they served us.

The evening session was well attended. The unfinished business of the afternoon was proceeded with, and it gave the members who

could not be present in the afternoon a chance to take part in the discussion. W. Bro. Walter Rice Jones of Cairo Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Claresholm was selected as the place for the District Meeting for 1941. We wish W. Bro. W. Rice Jones success and pleasure in his work.

Addresses given by the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, and yourself, M. W. Sir, brought the District Meeting to a close and sent the members away with a keener sense of their duty to Masonry.

On January 18th, I attended a meeting in Calgary for the purpose of stimulating the Grand Master's War Defence Fund throughout the Grand Jurisdiction. R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming was appointed Chairman for the southern half of the province. His committee appointed me to be responsible for the four lodges in the south of the district, namely, Nanton, Stavely, Cairo and Joppa. During February and March, on my official visits, I stressed the importance of the fund and believe they have responded quite well.

Official visits, during February and March, were as follows:

Stavely Lodge No. 33.....	February 4, 1941
Nanton Lodge, No. 17.....	February 13, 1941
Cairo Lodge, No. 32.....	February 18, 1941
Cornerstone, No. 19.....	February 20, 1941
Corinthian Lodge, No. 22.....	March 2, 1941
Joppa Lodge, No. 40.....	March 13, 1941

Cornerstone and Corinthian each have a large membership and are particularly active. Cairo is quite active but has a smaller membership with a fewer number of degrees being conferred. Stavely is beginning to show an increase in new members and although the lodge is small a good spirit prevails and the future holds promise. Nanton has a fairly good sized lodge and is successful in keeping the meetings interesting but has not had a candidate for some time. Joppa is small and prospects are not very good although the members hold out some hope of new members.

I believe the great majority of our members, in this district, have a good appreciation of the fundamental principles of Masonry. There seems to be a lively interest in the freedom we enjoy and what it will take in the way of faith and brotherhood to maintain it. The two benevolent features of our year's work, namely, Our Guest Children and the Grand Master's War Defence Fund, will help to make Masons more sensitive to the needs of others, judging by the response when the matter was presented to them. In my visits, I tried to present the need for an ever widening benevolence in peace time as well as in war, if we are to uphold the traditions of Masonry.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all the lodges in District No. 6 for their willingness and desire to co-operate with me in presenting the Work. I should like to mention the Secretaries, who were prompt and generous in their correspondence with me, and to the members of the Stavely Lodge, who accompanied me on my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

T. H. HAGERMAN,

D.D.G.M. District No. 6.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Milk River, April 25, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honour to submit herewith, for your consideration, a report of Masonic District No. 7 for the year 1940-41.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to visit officially all the lodges in the district and I have found harmony and progress in the Masonic Arts, also the business of the lodges well conducted, and the books well kept. The degrees were conferred with due regard to our ancient customs and usages. The attendance of the members on all my visits to the several lodges was most gratifying and the assistance of all P.D.D.G.M.'s, Past Masters, Officers and members of District No. 7 on all occasions was deeply appreciated.

OFFICIAL VISITS

North Star No. 4, Lethbridge. My official visit to this lodge was on the night of their regular meeting, September 9th, 1940. The lodge is in excellent condition and prosperous and a high Masonic standard is maintained. After the usual business was transacted, I read a paper on Democracy and Freemasonry, which was well received by the brethren. A minute of reverence was observed for R. W. Bro. Thos. MacPherson, the first Master of North Star Lodge No. 4, who has departed to the Grand Lodge Above.

Doric Lodge No. 31, Taber. I paid my official visit to this lodge November 12th, 1940. This was their regular meeting night. I was very cordially received by the Master, officers and brethren. There was no degree work; the usual business was transacted after which I read a paper on the Great Light of Masonry—of which the brethren showed their appreciation. This lodge is in excellent condition.

Lethbridge Lodge No. 39, Lethbridge. I visited this lodge November 21st, 1940, officially, and spent a very pleasant and profitable time. The Worshipful Master had arranged for all official positions to be filled by Canadian Pacific employees and it was a real railroad men's night. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a very efficient and impressive manner. This lodge is also in excellent condition. I gave an address on "Friendship as We Know It in Freemasonry", which was well received by all.

Chief Mountain Lodge No. 58, Cardston. My official visit was made to this lodge October 15th, 1940. I was accompanied by W. Bro. O. J. Hurlburt, of Verdigris Lodge No. 100. It was their regular meeting night and the usual business being disposed of the third degree was conferred on a candidate in a most excellent and impressive manner. This lodge, since my visit, has been able to burn the mortgage on their lodge building. I understand they had a suitable ceremony for the occasion, which I was sorry I was unable to attend. The lodge hall is unique in architecture and one of the finest in the southern part of

the province. It was indeed an honour to have M. W. Bro. Canon S. H. Middleton in attendance during my visit.

Diamond City Lodge No. 65, Coalhurst. I made my official visit to this lodge November 7th, 1940, and found everything in a very satisfactory condition. Socially the lodge is outstanding; visiting and being visited is a special feature. The lodge is largely comprised of Past Masters. I was accompanied on my visit by several brethren from the Lethbridge lodges.

Charity Lodge No. 67, Lethbridge. I paid my official visit October 8th, 1940, when the usual business was conducted in a very efficient manner. The second degree was conferred on a candidate and it was a great credit to the Master and his officers the way the work was put on. They have a very efficient Secretary in W. Bro. Wm. Martin. The condition of this lodge is active and good.

Verdigris Lodge No. 100, Milk River. I visited this lodge November 19, 1940. I have the honour to be a Past Master of Verdigris Lodge and on this occasion I was greeted by the Master, officers and brethren in a very cordial manner. The usual business was conducted very efficiently and there was no degree work. I gave an address on Friendship as We Know It in Freemasonry. At their June meeting I had the honour of installing the Master and his officers, being ably assisted by R. W. Bro. R. Douglas, W. Bro. Chas. MacNeely, W. Bro. H. Arnold and W. Bro. O. J. Hurlburt.

Foremost Lodge No. 103, Foremost. My official visit was made to this lodge August 7th, 1940, which was my first in the district. I was received so cordially that I felt if all my receptions were to be like this, I was in for a very pleasant time acting as your representative. I was sorry to find the Master, W. Bro. F. O. Chisholm, had been sick for a considerable time. I knew he would not have been absent without a real reason, he being a faithful member in spite of his advanced age. This lodge is in a healthy and active condition. The second degree was conferred on a candidate in a very impressive manner. I gave an address on the Influence of Freemasonry which was appreciated.

York Lodge No. 119, Lethbridge. On November 5th, 1940, I paid my official visit to this lodge accompanied by W. Bro. O. J. Hurlburt. This being their regular meeting night, the usual business was transacted very efficiently and the first degree was conferred on a candidate, which I am sure must have made quite an impression on all present. I then read a paper on the Great Light of Freemasonry. This lodge is very active and progressive.

Sharon Lodge No. 157, Picture Butte. I visited this lodge at their June meeting and had the honour of installing the officers of Diamond City Lodge and Sharon Lodge, at a joint installation. I was ably assisted by R. W. Bro. A. M. Fisher and R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone. R. W. Bro. W. T. Lingard, W. Bro. Chas. McNeely and W. Bro. O. J. Hurlburt also accompanied me on this occasion. I made my official visit November 27th, 1940, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. W. T. Lingard and R. W. Bro. J. H. James. There was a good attendance and this lodge is in excellent condition. With your permission, M. W. Sir, I permitted them to move their Charter and lodge fixtures to new quarters at Picture Butte, which I felt was for the good of the Order.

Lucerne Lodge No. 159, Vauxhall. I made my official visit to this lodge August 6th, 1940, and spent a very pleasant evening with the brethren. The usual business was conducted in an able manner; the third degree was conferred in a very commendable way; this lodge is very active, and great progress is being made. The books are in excellent condition, thanks to W. Bro. Colin E. Dewhurst, Secretary. I visited this lodge again in December which was the occasion of their Tenth Anniversary, which they celebrated in a most impressive manner, R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone being the principal speaker of the evening. His address was given in his usual able manner and was greatly appreciated by all. There were a considerable number of visiting brethren from Lethbridge, Taber and Bow Island.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting of District No. 7 was held in the Masonic Hall, Lethbridge, October 17th, 1940. There were two sessions, the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, in charge of North Star Lodge No. 4, and one in the evening in charge of Verdigris Lodge No. 100. At the afternoon session the D.D.G.M. was received with honours, after which he assumed the Master's Chair and received with honours M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary. The reports of the Masters of each lodge in the district were heard, to which the Grand Master made suitable reply. There being no questions in the question box, the meeting was called off, the brethren being advised to be on hand to resume labour at 8 o'clock p.m. A banquet was provided in the Southminster United Church, at 6:30 p.m., which gave the brethren a chance to get together socially, and was very well attended.

At 8 o'clock labour was resumed. The examination of a visiting brother was exemplified by R. W. Bro. A. M. Fisher, R. W. Bro. J. H. James and V. W. Bro. R. Sang, which was very instructive and humorous, and was really enjoyed by the brethren. R. W. Bro. A. M. Fisher gave his report as D.D.G.M. for 1939-40, after which he was presented with a P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia by the M. W. the Grand Master. W. Bro. H. G. Stretton was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, and Taber was selected as the next meeting place. At this time M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis answered a few questions in his amiable way, followed by the Grand Master giving a very instructive address, which was appreciated by all.

I have endeavoured to impress the W.M.'s with the idea that their lodges will in a considerable measure reflect in their work the Master's efficiency and effort. There were a few lodges whose Historical Registers were not up to date and they have promised to have them written up. I have persuaded some of the lodges to send the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* to non-resident members, who I am sure would appreciate it.

It has been a great pleasure to serve as D.D.G.M. of District No. 7 and I wish to express my gratitude and thanks to the brethren throughout the district for their splendid support and co-operation during my term of office. I also wish to thank the District Secretary, W. Bro. Geo. A. Thompson, for his services on all occasions.

This, M. W. Sir, concludes my report, which I hope meets with your approval.

Fraternally submitted,

F. A. BARTRAM,

D.D.G.M. District No. 7.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Macleod, April 29, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. for the year 1940-41 for the Eighth Masonic District.

It has been a privilege, M. W. Sir, to serve as your Deputy for the past year and I would like to express my thanks to you and M. W. Bro. Kemmis for your help and advice during my term of office.

I wish to thank the brethren of District No. 8 for the honor conferred upon me of being your representative. It has been a great pleasure to visit the lodges and meet so many members of the Craft.

I have made one official visit to each lodge in the district and some other visits. I appreciate the very cordial reception and large attendance at every meeting.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Macleod, on October 16th, 1940, with a large attendance. The six lodges in the district were represented. We were honored by the presence of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. S. H. Middleton, P.G.M., and M. W. Bro. George Cruickshank, P.G.M. There were also a number of P.D.D.G.M.'s present.

The lodge was opened by the officers of Alberta Lodge No. 3 at 2:00 p.m. After the reception of Grand Lodge Officers a letter was read from R. W. Bro. Pattinson who has acted as District Secretary for many years, asking that a new Secretary be appointed. R. W. Bro. G. R. Davis was appointed District Secretary for the ensuing year.

After the regular business was finished, M. W. Bro. Harris presented regalia to R. W. Bro. J. O. C. McDonald, D.D.G.M. for 1939-40. The Grand Master also invested V. W. Bro. J. R. McLeod as Grand Steward.

After a short recess we had the pleasure of a few remarks from the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Deputy Grand Master.

The election of D.D.G.M. for 1941-42 followed and resulted in W. Bro. T. J. Cumberland of Spitzie No. 6 being elected. I wish W. Bro. Cumberland every success in his term of office and feel sure that he will be a very capable D.D.G.M. Pincher Creek was the choice for the 1941 District Meeting. Business was then suspended to attend the banquet, served by the ladies of Fort Macleod Chapter O.E.S., held in the I.O.O.F. Hall.

The meeting was again called to order at 8:30 p.m. to hear the address of the Grand Master. He reviewed the activities of Grand

Lodge for the past year and the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. He also spoke on the Grand Master's War Defence Fund and the evacuation of children from Great Britain. I feel sure all present enjoyed the address.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Alberta No. 3: I officially visited my home lodge on March 19th. There was a large attendance, many visitors being present. The R.C.A.F. was well represented, also several brethren of the R.A.A.F. from down under. These men are now training at No. 7 S.F.T. School at Macleod. We enjoy their company and are glad to welcome them to our meetings. There was no degree work, but from now on for some months there will be. The books are well kept and up to date. R. W. Bro. G. R. Davis has been the Secretary for quite a number of years. V. W. Bro. Kennedy who has been Registrar for years has compiled a very interesting history of the lodge. At this and the next meeting several members were accepted for initiation.

Spitzie No. 6: March 4th I paid my official visit to Spitzie Lodge. There were members present from every lodge in District No. 8. Sixty-five signed the register, with two Australian fliers and several members of the R.C.A.F. Spitzie has been very active the last year with degree work every meeting. The third degree was conferred on two candidates in a most impressive manner by W. Bro. Miller and officers. There have been 28 degrees conferred by this lodge in the last year. M. W. Bro. Cruickshank addressed the meeting on the Grand Master's War Defence Fund. The finances of Spitzie are in good shape and books well kept and up to date. Spitzie has a large number of country members who attend regularly. Sixteen brethren from Macleod were present.

Sentinel Lodge No. 26: There was a good attendance of members and visitors when I officially visited Sentinel Lodge on February 13th. It was Rally Night for the Grand Master's War Defence Fund and M. W. Bro. Cruickshank addressed the meeting on this subject. The second degree was conferred in a very efficient manner. Several members from Spitzie were present to witness the ceremony as the candidate was a former resident of Pincher Creek. R. W. Bro. Westrup has all books and records in first class shape and finances are good.

As usual W. Bro. Fred Padgett acted as chef at the banquet, for which he is quite famous. After the banquet one of the members entertained the meeting with moving pictures of his travels in Australia.

Summit Lodge No. 30: My first visit to Summit Lodge was on January 2nd, when the officers were installed by P.D.D.G.M. J. O. C. McDonald. R. W. Bro. A. F. Short was installed Master. He served in this capacity some 17 years ago. My official visit was made on March 6th and was Rally Night. M. W. Bro. Cruickshank addressed the meeting. The lodge is in good financial condition and the books are well kept and up to date by V. W. Bro. M. Cooke. There was no degree work. Fourteen members from Macleod enjoyed the hospitality of Summit Lodge.

Chinook Lodge No. 47: The first of my official visits was to Chinook Lodge on February 10th. It is the smallest lodge in District No. 8 but the members take great interest in lodge work. Members mostly reside in the country and attendance is good. The third degree

was conferred in an impressive manner. R. W. Bro. Murphy has all books in good shape. They own the lodge hall and derive good revenue from rents.

Rocky Mountain Lodge No. 86: Rocky Mountain Lodge had one of the best meetings that I attended. There were 35 visitors present. As this lodge has not had a candidate this year there was no degree work. They are sound financially and have some good investments. V. W. Bro. J. R. McLeod keeps all the records in good shape. M. W. Bro. Cruickshank spoke on the War Defence Fund. Refreshments were served after the meeting when a well prepared program was enjoyed by all, especially an address by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to the officers and members of all lodges in District No. 8 for the co-operation I received during my term of office and for the honor they have done me in electing me D.D.G.M. I hope that my efforts have not fallen too far short of what was expected.

I would like to thank the members of Alberta Lodge No. 3 who loaned their cars and accompanied me on my visits. R. W. Bro. J. S. Lambert, R. W. Bro. G. R. Davis and W. Bro. S. R. Pedersen made every visit with me

To my successor, W. Bro. T. J. Cumberland, best wishes for a successful term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

NORMAN GRIER,

D.D.G.M. District No. 8.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Veteran, May 14, 1941

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as your D.D.G.M. for this District for the past year.

I would like to express my appreciation to the brethren of the District for the honor they bestowed on me in electing me to this high office, and to you, M. W. Sir, for your kindly advice and help. The past year has been a most profitable one to me from a Masonic viewpoint and I have endeavored to fill the office to the best of my ability. I shall always prize very highly the many kindly expressions of support and advice tendered to me and the many friendships formed during the course of my duties.

My first official duty was to call a meeting of the Masters and Wardens of the lodges in the district at Castor, as that is the most central point, to discuss the problem of Evacuee Children from Great Britain. So far we have not been called upon to take any of these children but should the movement again start I am sure that District No. 9 will be willing and ready to do their share.

I am not in a position at the present time to make any report on the result of the Grand Master's War Defence Fund as I have not received the necessary information from the lodges, but I feel quite confident that District No. 9 will not be found wanting when the returns are all in.

The District Meeting was held in Coronation on September 25th and although it occurred at the busiest season of the year the attendance was very gratifying. The M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary were in attendance. The afternoon session was taken up with routine business and reports from the lodges by the Master or his representative. After the reports had been received the M. W. the Grand Master commented briefly on the reports as presented and congratulated the various lodges on their apparent improvement. R. W. Bro. David Drinnan gave his report as D.D.G.M. for the past year. The Grand Secretary pointed out the usefulness of the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* and the unselfish effort on the part of M. W. Bro. Mitchell in getting the *Bulletin* out. A resolution of appreciation of the lodges of the district was passed and forwarded to M. W. Bro. Mitchell urging him to carry on. A short recess was called and upon resuming labor R. W. Bro. McBrine of Apollo Lodge exemplified the Installed Master's degree with only Past Masters present.

At 5:45 the Craft was called from labor to refreshment to attend the United Church Hall where a sumptuous repast was served by the Ladies' Aid. At 8:00 p.m. the Craft was called from refreshment to labor and quite a number were in attendance during the evening that had been unable to get there for the afternoon session. In accordance with notice given at the last District Meeting it was moved by R. W. Bro. Scotland and seconded by W. Bro. Pick that this district appoint a permanent District Secretary. Upon discussion of the motion the M. W. the Grand Master pointed out that we did not have any jurisdiction in the matter as according to the Constitution this was a prerogative of the D.D.G.M. The motion was accordingly ruled out of order. The M. W. the Grand Master was requested to present R. W. Bro. Drinnan, P.D.D.G.M., with a set of regalia, which he did, congratulating the R. W. Brother on the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. R. W. Bro. Drinnan accepted and thanked the brethren in a few well chosen remarks.

Nominations for the office of D.D.G.M. for the next term were then called. There being only one nomination submitted, that of W. Bro. Robert Topham of Monitor Lodge, he was unanimously elected to the office, subject to the approval and confirmation of Grand Lodge. Consort was chosen as the next place of meeting.

M. W. Bro. Kemmis gave a short address touching on the relationship between Grand Lodge office and the lodges. He also explained the changes in the ruling on the work, that instead of there being two Custodians of the Work as in the past, there was now a committee to which all questions are referred for a ruling.

The M. W. the Grand Master was then called upon for an address and he gave a very clear and interesting outline of the work and proceedings of Grand Lodge pointing out the working and handling of benevolence and the aims and objects of Grand Lodge generally which was very much appreciated by the brethren present. The meeting closed in due form at 9:50 p.m., thus enabling the brethren from a distance to get away at a reasonable hour.

VISITS

Apollo Lodge No. 27: I paid my official visit to this lodge on October 7th. There was a very good attendance with several Past Grand Lodge Officers present. I was most cordially received. There was no degree work that evening but the officers of the lodge performed their duties most efficiently. The books and records are kept by W. Bro. Connolly and are in splendid shape. I noticed particularly at this meeting the large attendance of Past Masters but thought, in a town the size of Stettler, there might have been a larger attendance of the brethren.

Ionic Lodge No. 45: I paid my official visit to Ionic Lodge on September 12th. There was not a large attendance but considering the busy season of the year this was to be expected and in the circumstances they turned out very well. The meeting was very harmonious and the officers all appeared efficient in their posts. The books are well kept by R. W. Bro. Tallman.

Beaver Lodge No. 56: Accompanied by several of the brethren from Coronation Lodge I paid my official visit to Beaver Lodge on November 6th. There was a very fair attendance and the meeting was well conducted by the officers. The books are up to date and very well kept by W. Bro. Marshall. I again had the pleasure of attending Beaver Lodge on installation night when Beaver played host to Coronation Lodge at a joint installation conducted by R. W. Bro. McCartney, assisted by W. Bro. Lackey. There was a good attendance and a most enjoyable evening was spent. This was the first joint installation taken part in by either of these lodges, and judging from the favorable comment it will not be the last as a most harmonious spirit exists between them.

Coronation Lodge No. 72: This is my mother lodge and I paid my official visit on November 14th. There was about the usual attendance which is not large. We have not had much activity in our lodge during the past few years, due possibly as much to the result of the depression as anything else. More interest has been taken lately, however, and with two initiations during the winter and another candidate accepted we hope to see the lodge pick up. The books are in good order and well looked after by W. Bro. Thoroughman.

Monitor Lodge No. 120: I had the pleasure of visiting Monitor Lodge on different occasions during my term of office, but did not make my official visit until May 8th. This lodge moved from Monitor to Consort during last year and since moving have had five new members by initiation. All the members seem to take a real interest in the lodge and I think that they are well on the road to better times in the future. The books are in the capable hands of W. Bro. Burton and are well kept.

Rising Sun Lodge No. 122: I made my official visit to this lodge on September 11th. It was at a very busy season, right in the midst of threshing and the attendance was small. However, the officers appeared to be really interested and doing their best to keep things going. They have a very heavy financial burden on their shoulders with the indebtedness on their hall. I was assured that they felt they had been able to come to an arrangement that would be beneficial. The resident membership is small and it has been a heavy load during the past few years so it is to be hoped that their endeavors will prove successful.

Big Valley Lodge No. 140: I made the first official visit during my term of office to Big Valley on September 3rd. There was not a large attendance, due partly to the fact that their membership is pretty well scattered and they had attended Apollo Lodge on the previous evening when Apollo had conferred a degree for them, and partly to the fact that harvest was right in full swing. I was very cordially received and we had an enjoyable evening. The books are well kept by W. Bro. Dewar and the lodge appears to be making good progress. I was accompanied on my official visits at different times by R. W. Bro. Drinnan and W. Bro. Roll of Rising Sun, W. Bro. Connolly and W. Bro. Pick of Apollo, and W. Bro. Thoroughman and W. Bro. Thoroughman and W. Bro. Steele of Coronation, to all of whom I express my thanks. To the officers and brethren of the different lodges of the district I wish to express my appreciation for the courteous manner in which I was received everywhere I went. In particular I would like to mention W. Bro. Connolly for acting as District Secretary and R. W. Bro. Drinnan for his advice and assistance in arranging the District Meeting.

In general I am convinced that the condition of Masonry in this District is showing a decided improvement and feel that we can look for that improvement to continue. For several years some of the lodges had few, if any, candidates and without work to do interest waned, but in the past year most of them have had candidates to put through and that has stimulated the interest of the brethren. I was pleased to note that two of the lodges had been in a position to invest some funds in the War Loan and no doubt the others will do likewise at any time they have surplus funds.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, may I say that it has been a pleasure to have served as your District Deputy. The year just past will always remain in my memory as an outstanding period in my Masonic experience. No doubt there have been some things I have done that I should not have done and some things left undone that should have been done, but I trust that some good will come out of my endeavors. In my successor, W. Bro. Topham, I feel confident that the District will be well served and I ask for him the same friendly and courteous attentions shown to me.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. BALLENTINE.

D.D.G.M. District No. 9.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Lamont, April 21, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit the following report covering my term as your Deputy in the Tenth Masonic District for the year A.L. June 5940 to June A.L. 5941.

I am happy to report that interest in things Masonic has been well maintained throughout District No. 10 during the past year. An increase in visiting among the lodges has resulted in exchange of ideas, friendships have been formed or renewed. The brethren have shown a willingness to co-operate by taking members to neighboring lodges in their cars. I have attended officially all the lodges in my district and on all occasions have been struck with the kindly interest shown by the brethren and their sincere wish to assist in promoting Masonic goodwill. Books and records of the lodges are well kept and the Secretaries of the different lodges perform a difficult task with remarkable faithfulness. Without exception the lodges are on a sound financial footing and while outstanding dues are high, some improvement has been made during the year.

DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Vegreville, on Saturday, September 21st, 1940. The meeting was called to order by W. Bro. Neil Primrose, the W. M. of St. John's Lodge No. 25. The D.D.G.M. was received and assumed the Gavel. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, accompanied by the Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, and other Grand Lodge Officers, was introduced by R. W. Bro. A. W. Fraser, received in due form and accorded Grand Honors. One hundred and eight brethren signed the Register. With the exception of two lodges which were not represented, reports were received of lodge activities.

The meeting noted with regret the passing of the late R. W. Bro. J. Stanley Reid, a charter member of St. John's No. 25. V. W. Bro. W. W. Ward, of Dominion Lodge No. 117, Edmonton, mentioned in his report that the Masons of his lodge were donating blood for transfusions for a sick child. Exemplification of "Examination of a Visitor" was presented by Hope Lodge No. 38. That of "Board of Incoming Master" was presented by Vermilion Lodge No. 24, and of "Balloting" by Empire Lodge No. 63. M. W. Bro. Kemmis complimented the brethren who had taken part in the exemplification work. The meeting was called from Labour to Refreshment at 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A splendid Banquet was prepared by the ladies of Vegreville. A short program followed, including speeches by Bro. J. B. Holden, Mayor of Vegreville, the M. W. the Grand Master, a violin solo by Miss Joyce Dandy, also several patriotic songs were sung by Mrs. F. W. Laing, who also led the brethren in "There'll Always Be an England."

The meeting resumed Labour at 8:00 p.m. and the first order of business was the election of the D.D.G.M. for the year 1941-42. Two brethren were nominated, W. Bro. W. A. Deprose and W. Bro. E. A. Figg, both of Dominion Lodge No. 117, Edmonton. As a result of the ballot, W. Bro. E. A. Figg was declared elected, subject to the confirmation of the Grand Master. W. Bro. E. Foster of Dominion Lodge No. 117 invited the brethren to hold the next District Meeting at Edmonton, which was accepted.

The Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. F. J. Pyle with regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. as a token of appreciation from the brethren of District No. 10. The Grand Master then gave an inspiring address. He spoke on the activities of Grand Lodge, reported on Benevolence and Donations sent to the Grand Lodge of England, also to the Dominion Government. He stressed the loyalty the brethren owe to the Empire and gave as his sincere conviction that there would always be an England. M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis then outlined the plan of the Grand Lodge Committee for receiving British Guest Children and suggested that children should be placed in the homes of Masons rather than in Masonic Institutions.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Acacia Lodge No. 11: Had the pleasure of visiting Acacia Lodge on November 28th, 1940. The third degree was conferred on Bro. J. H. Winteringham. Acacia Lodge has the honor of being the oldest lodge in District No. 10. The first Premier of the Province of Alberta was from this lodge. It includes among its members other men also who have made valuable contribution to the Province, especially to the University of Alberta. The lodge room is comfortable and home-like. "Efficient and active", describe this lodge. R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell gave an interesting resume of the war to date.

Victoria Lodge No. 13: I paid my official visit to Victoria Lodge on April 8th, 1941. Conditions in this lodge have improved during the year. A candidate was ballotted upon favorably which will no doubt increase interest in the immediate future. I also attended an Emergent Meeting on April 17th, when about fifty of the officers and members of Ivanhoe Lodge No. 142 paid a fraternal visit and initiated Bro. H. E. Wallbank.

Vermilion Lodge No. 24: Paid my official visit to Vermilion Lodge on October 2nd, 1940. The brethren of Vermilion built a new lodge room some years ago, which is one of the most complete and comfortable in District No. 10. The officers are keenly interested in their work and are well supported by a long list of Past Masters. One of the best meetings I had the pleasure of attending.

St. John's Lodge No. 25: I paid my official visit to St. John's Lodge on December 2nd, 1940. This is one of the oldest and best lodges in District No. 10, with a membership of over 100. Special mention should be made of the excellent assistance given by W. Bro. Neil Primrose and his officers on the occasion of the District Meeting. A framed copy of their By-laws hangs in the lodge room. The support of the Past Masters is noteworthy.

Hope Lodge No. 38: I visited this lodge at a regular meeting on October 14th, 1940. Hope Lodge is in a healthy condition and well supported by its Past Masters. The books and records are very

well kept, members show keen interest in the Craft. A number from Vermilion Lodge attended, together with five brethren from Lamont Lodge.

Empire Lodge No. 63: I visited Empire Lodge at an Emergent Meeting on November 4th, 1940. The first degree was exemplified by the regular officers in a precise and efficient manner, and was most instructive in detail. Empire Lodge stands for all that is highest and best in the Empire. The presence of R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, Junior Grand Warden, and a number of brethren from Unity Lodge No. 51 added to the success of the meeting. A Banquet and Program followed and a Moving Picture was shown by an official of the Canadian Air Lines.

Norwood Lodge No. 90: I visited Norwood Lodge on March 11th, 1941. This lodge owns its lodge room. The Junior Warden, Bro. N. Richardson, the Secretary V. W. Bro. W. Horrocks, and a number of other brethren were absent on account of illness. R. W. Bro. John Patterson, District No. 12, was present and spoke on the Grand Master's War Relief Fund. The second degree was ably exemplified. The officers are efficient and the members active and keen.

Lamont Lodge No. 94: I made an official visit to my lodge on April 14th, 1941. Bro. Clifford Mallett was passed to the second degree by the regular officers of the lodge. This lodge is being well looked after by the Wor. Master, W. Bro. E. V. Ross and has always been well supported by its resident members. A number of brethren from St. John's Lodge No. 25, Vegreville, and two brethren from Holden Lodge paid a fraternal visit.

I wish to express to the members of Lamont Lodge my appreciation of the support they have given me during my term of office as D.D.G.M. for District No. 10.

Kilwinning Lodge No. 110: I visited Kilwinning Lodge on September 16th, 1940 and found that as most of the brethren were attending parade of a branch of the 19th Alberta Dragoons our meeting could not be held until ten o'clock. On arrival of the Master and Officers, lodge was opened and a good business meeting followed. I was well satisfied with the result of the discussions.

Dominion Lodge No. 117: My official visit was made to Dominion Lodge on March 26th, 1941. Bro. E. Puffer was passed to the second degree and proved to be an excellent candidate. The officers are all efficient. I was pleased to again meet my successor, as D.D.G.M., W. Bro. E. A. Figg. A fine, friendly spirit prevailed. The presence and assistance of R. W. Bros. R. S. Sheppard, A. J. Whitby and A. B. McCurdy contributed to the success of the evening.

Kitscoty Lodge No. 131: I made my official visit to this lodge on September 10th, 1941. It was one of the most enthusiastic meetings I attended. The membership is not large but the officers are efficient and well supported by the members. A number of brethren from Vermilion Lodge brought greetings.

St. Alban's Lodge No. 145: I paid my official visit to St. Alban's Lodge on August 24th, 1940. The membership is drawn from as far away as 85 miles, the Worshipful Master residing 25 miles from the lodge. As there are no gravelled roads in the district, meetings are

dependent on weather conditions. There was a small attendance at this meeting but I found interest in Masonry a real inspiration.

Waskatenau Lodge No. 154: I paid my official visit to Waskatenau Lodge on August 7th, 1940. No work was exemplified but the meeting was well conducted and the officers are efficient. A fine spirit prevails and credit is due to the brethren for keeping up interest with so small a membership. This was my first official visit and I was impressed by the warmth of their reception and kindly interest.

In conclusion, I wish to express my thanks to V. W. Bro. L. B. Adams, District Secretary, for his assistance. Bro. Adams attended all official visits except Victoria and Lamont Lodges and in many ways contributed to the success of the meetings.

To the many brethren of District No. 10 who, by their sympathetic support, made the year's work a pleasure, I offer thanks and appreciation.

To my successor, W. Bro. E. A. Figg, I extend my best wishes for the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

R. E. HARRISON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 10.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Champion, April 28, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the privilege and pleasure to submit my report as follows on the Condition of Masonry as I have found it in the Eleventh Masonic District during my tenure of office.

On entering upon my official duties in June of last year, I was somewhat alarmed at the feeling of uncertainty as to the future, which seemed to prevail on all sides owing to the European conflict. After making my official and social visits throughout the district and receiving the response and co-operation as I received from the many brethren in respect to evacuee children and the Grand Master's Defence Fund, I am pleased to inform you that my fears were ill-founded and I observed some of that determination and courage that makes the

British Commonwealth of Nations such a thorn in the side of those who would curtail individual freedom of thought and action.

Statistics of the District show the following:

New Members.....	4
Affiliations.....	2
Restored.....	3
Gross Increase	9
Dimits	1
Suspended N.P.D.	7
Deceased.. . . .	5
Gross Decrease.....	13

The net decrease, from the information furnished me until this time is, therefore, 4. This, is not complete as two Secretaries have not forwarded the information required. The D.D.G.M. would appreciate very much having the information needed forwarded in time to make out his report. From information furnished me, it would appear that all the lodges are budgeting their expenses within their income.

My official duties began on June 24, when I was honored with an invitation to install, jointly, the officers of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49, Pyramid Lodge No. 108, and Cresset Lodge No. 136, as the guest of Cresset Lodge. The officers were duly installed by myself with the aid of several P.D.D.G.M.'s and Bro. Thomas, my Secretary. There was a very good gathering and the brethren were so impressed with the opportunity offered on such an occasion, for friendly and brotherly visits that these lodges agreed to taking turns in being hosts for that yearly festival meeting. Pyramid Lodge will be the host next year.

In accordance with your desires I called a meeting in Champion of the Masters, Wardens, and Secretaries of this District to explain and discuss the Evacuee Children proposal. Each lodge responded and there was some progress made, each lodge having formed its committee at the meeting. These plans, however, did not make a great deal of headway owing to the Government's decision to postpone the plan for the time being, but all were enthusiastic at the opportunity thus presented for a real Masonic service.

The 20th Annual District Meeting was held in Champion Lodge No. 84, at Champion, on Monday, October 14, 1940, which happened to be Thanksgiving Day. There was a splendid turnout in spite of the fact that recent weather conditions had delayed the harvest until that time. M. W. Bro. Harris, Grand Master, honored the district with his presence, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, and W. Bro. Kitley. All lodges of the district were well represented and there was great benefit derived from the open discussions of our problems and the exemplifications of the several interesting points of the Work and Ceremonials, as well as from the questions in the question box which were answered and explained by M. W. Bro. Kemmis. The M. W. the Grand Master's address was enjoyed by all and the inspirational discourse will long be remembered by those brethren who were present.

On behalf of the District, M. W. Bro. Harris presented R. W. Bro. Ross Wilderman with a P.D.D.G.M. apron for which the R. W. Brother very fittingly thanked the District.

M. W. Bro. Harris, on behalf of the lodge, made a presentation of a Fifty Year Jewel to R. W. Bro. James McNaughton of Robert Burns Lodge No. 49. He very graciously and feelingly thanked the lodge for that honored Jewel. First to congratulate R. W. Bro. McNaughton was W. Bro. Morkeberg, D.D.G.M.-elect of District No. 4. With W. Bro. Morkeberg, who had made the trip from Innisfail for this occasion, was R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.

W. Bro. Clarke G. Prendergast, of Nobleford Lodge No. 111, was unanimously selected as the D.G.G.M. for 1941-42 term, subject to the M. W. Grand Master's approval. R. W. Bro. Depue invited the District to hold its 21st Annual District Meeting in Champion Lodge Rooms and that invitation was accepted.

The Masters' reports from the several lodges showed that there was keen interest and some very worthwhile accomplishments being carried on throughout the district. A vote of thanks was extended to M. W. Bro. Mitchell for his efforts in making the *Grand Lodge Bulletin* such a useful paper. This brought the meeting to a close. Everyone felt that they had been amply repaid for their time and effort in attending and feeling that District Meetings were worthy of far better support than they were receiving in some cases.

My official visits were as follows:

Robert Burns Lodge No. 49.....	September 9, 1940
Vulcan Lodge No. 74.....	October 1, 1940, December 27, 1940
Champion Lodge No. 84.....	November 14, 1940
Pyramid Lodge No. 108.....	September 19, 1940
Nobleford Lodge No. 111.....	October 8, 1940
Granite Lodge No. 127.....	October 2, 1940
Cresset Lodge No. 136.....	October 7, 1940; June 24, 1940

I paid unofficial visits to each of these lodges at least once in addition. I was always royally received and can report that Grand Lodge has very loyal supporting bodies in the lodges that form District No. 11. The *Bulletin* is read and discussed at least in part either in lodge or at the banquet table and some very helpful and interesting knowledge is gained therefrom in all the lodges. I was always accompanied on my visits by Bro. Paul Thomas, my very efficient Secretary, and to him goes my sincere thanks and good wishes for a work that too often goes unnoticed and I fear in some cases unappreciated. To those R. W. Brothers, W. Brothers, and other brethren who accompanied me on my visitations I say thank you, as your company has made my task much easier and more pleasant.

I was very pleased on December 27, 1940, at the request of Vulcan Lodge, to install and invest, jointly, the officers of their lodge, Nobleford Lodge No. 111, Granite Lodge No. 127, and Champion Lodge No. 84. I was assisted by several R. W. Brothers and W. Brothers to whom I wish to extend my thanks. The several lodges turned out in goodly numbers and the evening was very much enjoyed and this festival event, I believe, will prove to be an annual one.

On the regular meeting night of Vulcan Lodge No. 74, on March 4, 1941, I was able to organize a Grand Rally Night for the Grand

Master's War Defence Fund. I was greatly assisted in this by W. Bro. R. Patriquin, W.M., and the other Officers of Vulcan Lodge, to whom I extend my thanks for their kindness and assistance. R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, D.G.M., and M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.G.M., were the guest speakers and to them go the thanks of District No. 11, for their services and the time of which they gave so freely and graciously. They each addressed the meeting, at which every lodge in the District was well represented, there being nearly one hundred present. To the capable explanation of the necessity, aims, and requirements given by these speakers must go the credit for the successful support of the brethren in this district.

Summing up, it would seem that fraternal visting is definitely on the upgrade. While it is regrettable that the Travelling Bible, presented by R. W. Bro. Dayman, is not going the rounds of the lodges more rapidly, there has been no lack of visiting. Large meetings were held at both Festival dates and the Grand Rally Meetings were well attended. It would seem that the spirit of Fraternalism is improving.

Vulcan Lodge reports the enlistment of V. W. Bro. F. Simington, and Granite Lodge reports the enlistment of Bro. Harold W. Kelly in His Majesty's Forces.

In conclusion, I wish to express to the brethren of this district my appreciation of the honor they have conferred upon me in electing me to this office, and, to extend to them my gratitude for assistance and co-operation given me on all occasions. These tended to make my duties much lighter in an otherwise busy term as their D.D.G.M. The opportunities that this office presents for friendly and social intercourse has more than repaid me for my efforts and only again assures me that the time devoted by all to further those excellent ideals of Freemasonry will bring their own rewards. I trust that my efforts have in some small way justified the honor the brethren conferred upon me by entrusting the supervision of the District to my care.

Faternally submitted,

G. L. DEPUE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 11.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Edmonton, April 28, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration my report as D.D.G.M. for the year 1940-41.

Almost the first duty assigned to the District Deputies this year was in connection with British Guest Children which made it necessary to contact as early as possible all the lodges in the district to find out

what accommodation was available. I would like to mention that the services given by the Grand Secretary's office was exceedingly prompt on this matter; my returns were mailed on July 31st showing the approximate number of members in each lodge in this district and on my official visits to Pembina and Whitecourt Lodges on August 5th and 7th the letters for mailing to the individual members were in the Secretaries' hands.

The District Meeting of Districts No. 3 and 12, which was held on October 12th, 1940, was well attended; only one lodge out of the twenty-one had no representative present. M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, were present. After the regular business had been transacted the election of D.D.G.M. was proceeded with when W. Bro. W. J. Gurr of Westlock Lodge No. 114 was elected D.D.G.M. for the year 1941-42.

During my year of office I have tried to encourage the visitation of country lodges by the brethren of the city in which I have been partly successful. I was pleased to arrange a visit from Stratheona Lodge to Tawatinaw Lodge No. 71 to confer the first degree on September 7th, which was also my official visit. With the assistance of R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour a visit from Patricia Lodge was arranged to visit Onoway Lodge on November 6th when the officers of Patricia conferred the second degree. Ivanhoe Lodge arranged to visit Victoria Lodge at Fort Saskatchewan on April 17th when the first degree was conferred by the officers of Ivanhoe. The value of these visits to country lodges cannot be overlooked and should be made at every opportunity.

In checking the records of one or two of the country lodges I found that no Black Book was kept and the reason advanced was that they were not advised by the lodges in the district of suspensions and reinstatements as provided for by the Constitution.

Reviewing the condition of the lodges in this district, about 50 per cent still report prospects as good while the other 50 per cent is either fair or poor. No doubt the present war conditions are bound to have some effect on the activities of all the lodges within the jurisdiction, but I feel that never in the history of Canada has there been such an opportunity for Masons all over the Dominion to do something worthwhile. The Grand Master's War Defence Fund gives us the opening to do a really great service to help suffering humanity.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all the lodges in the district for the kindly reception I received on all my official visits and to my predecessor Dr. M. A. McIntyre for all the information passed on to me which was of great assistance in carrying out my duties.

In conclusion, I wish to thank R. W. Bro. Geo. Kilgour for his kindly advice at all times and also W. Bro. J. Booth, Geo. Cottle, Gordon J. Kelley and Bro. J. Melvor who accompanied me on most of my official visits.

Fraternally submitted,

J. PATERSON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 12.

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Whitelaw, April 25, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

It affords me great pleasure to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Masonic District No. 13 during the past year.

During my year of office I visited all lodges in the district once officially and some of them again unofficially. At each of my official visits I attempted to impress upon the brethren the necessity of "practising outside the lodge those excellent precepts ever incalculated within it."

The Statistical Report will show that all lodges in the district are on a sound financial basis and their property adequately protected by insurance. Membership has again shown an increase and all lodges report fair to good prospects for 1941.

The first important event of my year was the Joint Installation of Officers of Spirit River, Northland and Sexsmith Lodges at Fairview, at which ceremony I had the honor of acting as Installing Master.

On July 1st, at the request of R. W. Bro. J. K. Smith of Spirit River Lodge, I accompanied several brethren from Spirit River and Northland Lodges to Peace Lodge No. 126, G.R.B.C., at Dawson Creek and assisted at their installation of officers. The welcome and courtesies shown me on these occasions imbued me with considerable confidence when making my official visits later.

Our District Meeting was held at Fairview on July 31st, and in spite of numerous old time picnics throughout the district was well attended, only one lodge, Hythe No. 156, being unrepresented. We were fortunate in having the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary present.

Various portions of the lodge work were ably exemplified by the various lodges of the district and thoroughly discussed by the brethren present. As a result I feel sure that the work will be more uniform throughout the district.

W. Bro. A. Cragg of Peace River Lodge No. 89 was the unanimous choice for D.D.G.M. for 1941-42 and Peace River was selected as the place for the next District Meeting.

In the evening we were the guests of Northland Lodge at a banquet when we enjoyed several splendid addresses together with a mutual exchange of fraternal goodwill. The brethren of Northland Lodge must be commended for their labors in providing accommodation and entertainment of that day.

I officially visited Spirit River Lodge No. 116 on July 15th.; Wahpun Lodge No. 88 at High Prairie, on July 25th; Lake Saskatoon Lodge No. 106, on August 13th; Sexsmith Lodge No. 160 on August

14th; Hythe Lodge No. 156 on October 31st; Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 on October 30th; Peace River Lodge No. 89 on November 9th; and Northland Lodge No. 147, my home lodge, on December 11th.

As separate reports have been sent to you on all lodges, it is needless to go into detail again here. I must thank all the members of the lodges for the very kind reception that was accorded to me. All meetings were well attended and the work well done. One or two of the lodges would do well to study the ritual more closely. I wish particularly to thank W. Bro. L. C. Brockway of Northland Lodge, who accompanied me on most of my official visits and V. W. Bro. W. J. N. Leslie of Grande Prairie Lodge, who accompanied me to all lodges in the southern end of the district.

Before closing I wish to thank all the brethren of the district for the honor which they conferred on me, and to express my gratitude for the kindly advice and assistance of various kinds that I have received throughout the year. My year of office will always remain a pleasant memory and I wish my successor as pleasant a year as I have had.

Fraternally submitted,

J. F. KYLE,

D.D.G.M. District No. 13.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Big Stone, April 15, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, my report as your Deputy, for Masonic District No. 14, 1940-41.

My first pleasant duties after taking office were, on the invitation of Crocus Lodge No. 115, of presiding at the joint installation of officers, of their lodge and Acadia Lodge No. 82, on the night of June 24th, and on June 26th, on an invitation from Berry Creek Lodge No. 158 of conducting their installation ceremony. Both meetings were well attended and I was afforded the utmost courtesy and attention.

The Annual District Meeting was held in Youngstown, on Thursday, September 26th, 1940. The meeting was opened by the officers of Acadia Lodge No. 82. I was then received in due form and had the great pleasure of receiving with honors the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, R. W. Bro. Ballentine and R. W. Bro. Bond. The afternoon session was poorly attended, but very interesting. After routine business we were favored with brief addresses by the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Bro.

Bond and R. W. Bro. Ballentine. At 6:30 we met in the Community Hall, where a fine banquet was provided by the Ladies' Aid. The usual toasts were ably proposed and responded to, interspersed by dramatic readings by W. Bro. Targett. Our members were greatly augmented at the evening session. W. Bro. White, of Craigmyle Lodge No. 132 was elected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year and Craigmyle was selected for the 1941 District Meeting. The highlight of the evening was the paper and address given by the M. W. Grand Master, followed by a short talk by the Grand Secretary.

GENERAL

I have visited each lodge once officially and some of them several times unofficially and I intend to visit some of them again before the first of June in the interest of the Grand Master's War Fund. My reception on every occasion was most courteous and I have found a fine Masonic spirit prevailing throughout the district. The books and records are well kept except the historical registers, only two of these being written up to date and the others have been sadly neglected. However, I was assured these would be attended to.

Total membership, 305. Liquid assets, \$2,977.03. Liabilities, \$1,144.98. Total assets, \$9,788.25. Insurance in force \$5,650.00.

There is not as much inter-visiting as I would like to see, the importance of which is aptly emphasized by the following quotation:

*"Stand off by yourself with your dreaming and all of your dreams are vain,
No splendor of soul or structure can we by ourselves attain,
'Tis willed we shall dwell as brothers, as brothers then must we toil,
We must share in a common purpose, as we share in a common soil.
And each who would see accomplished the dreams he is proud to own,
Must strive for the goal with his brothers, for he cannot reach it alone."*

OFFICIAL VISITS

On July 16th, 1940, I visited my mother lodge, Acadia No. 82. Twelve members were present and the third degree was conferred in a very capable manner. This lodge is on the upgrade once more and prospects are brighter than for some time.

On July 24th, 1940, I visited Berry Creek Lodge No. 158. Twenty-two members and one visitor were present. The first degree was conferred on four candidates in a very excellent manner. This is the youngest and most progressive lodge in the district. They own their hall and their financial situation is good. We sympathize with this lodge in the recent passing of a highly esteemed brother, the late R. W. Bro. W. J. Winning.

On August 2nd, 1940, I visited Oyen Lodge No. 104, when twenty-three members and four visitors were present. The third degree was conferred in a very proficient manner. This lodge has come through some trying times and is making good progress. We look to its future with confidence.

My visit to Crocus Lodge No. 115, was on August 21st, 1940, when ten members and one visitor were present. There was no degree work. Their financial situation is good and prospects more favorable.

We extend to them our sympathy in the passing of one of their beloved Past Masters, the late W. Bro. Lee.

September 4th, 1940, was the date of my visit to Hanna Lodge No. 78. There were thirteen members and twelve visitors present. This is the oldest and largest lodge in the district. The attendance is not what it should be, although they have the faithful few who are real pillars of the lodge. The Chair was occupied by the I.P.M., W. Bro. Winning. The second degree was conferred.

Craigmyle Lodge No. 132: My visit was on October 15th, 1940, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Bond and W. Bro. White. This lodge has the smallest membership of any in the district, but a real Masonic spirit prevails and that is better than having large numbers who are listless. The business was well conducted; there was no degree work.

Hand Hill Lodge No. 98: I visited on October 16th, 1940. Eleven members and two visitors were present, which was far below the average, owing to harvest activities. The W. Master being absent the Chair was occupied by R. W. Bro. Grant. The business was conducted in a very able manner; there was no degree work.

In conclusion, M. W. Sir, I wish to express my gratitude to you and the Grand Secretary for the kindly interest and wise counsel tendered me throughout the year. And my sincere thanks to all the brethren of the district for the honor of being elected to this high office, and to R. W. Bro. Campbell, who accompanied me on so many of my visits, also to R. W. Bro. Dishan, who acted as District Secretary. For my successor, W. Bro. White, I wish the same loyal support that has been extended to me.

Fraternally submitted,

IRA D. BARTON,

D.D.G.M. District No. 14.

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Irricana, April 28, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration my report on the condition of the lodges and Masonry in Masonic District No. 15. I have deemed it a great honor and esteemed privilege to represent this district during your term of office and will always cherish the association I have formed with yourself, M. W. Sir, and also with the Grand Secretary. It is a Masonic experience which I shall never forget.

I had the pleasure of visiting all the lodges in this district at least once officially and some of them on unofficial visits. At all times I was received with the greatest cordiality and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members and Masters of the lodges for their hospitality. With increased membership, largely due to new candidates, you can feel assured, M. W. Sir, that the true spirit of Masonry is prevalent in this district.

DISTRICT MEETING

You will remember that we had the honor of having yourself as well as the Grand Secretary at our meeting held in Three Hills on October 1. Owing to the inclement weather not as many brethren were present as there might have been but what was lacking in numbers was made up for in the true spirit of Masonry which prevailed. I owe a debt of gratitude to R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond who acted as my District Secretary, and also to the Master and brethren of Cyprus Lodge for their work in preparation for this meeting.

I was received in form by the members of Cyprus Lodge, after which the Grand Lodge Officers were received with Grand Honors and introduced by R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond of Irricana. At the conclusion of the reading and adoption of the minutes of the last District Meeting the Grand Master presented R. W. Bro. E. A. Roach with P.D.D.G.M.'s regalia to which he responded in a very capable manner. We were then favored with an address by M. W. Bro. Dr. C. C. Hartman, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the brethren.

Following the banquet we were favored with an illuminating address by M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, Grand Master, who, in his quiet unassuming manner presented Masonry in that light which could only be presented by one who is such a true Mason at heart as our Grand Master is. Following the election of the D.G.G.M. V. W. Bro. Percy Puffer of Fidelity Lodge was declared elected, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

OFFICIAL VISITS

Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills: My first official visit was to Cyprus Lodge No. 113, Three Hills, on September 18, 1940. Owing to the busy season of harvesting only ten members were present. However, what was lacking in numbers was made up for in the enthusiastic reception accorded me. On this visit I was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Hans Nicholson, R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond, W. Bro. Bert Coldwell and Bro. Frank Morrell. No degrees were conferred but I found the brethren well skilled in their work. R. W. Bro. Harte is handling the Secretarial duties in an efficient manner. At this meeting plans were laid for the District Meeting in Three Hills on October 1.

Fidelity Lodge No. 76, Bashaw: My next official visit was to this lodge on November 12, 1940, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Hans Nicholson and R. W. Bro. J. Cairns, who kindly drove us across snowbound roads from Mirror. This is the largest lodge in the district and is also very active. This lodge has sponsored a troop of Boy Scouts about sixty in number, who meet regularly in the lodge building, of which Fidelity feel justly proud. This movement is very commendable.

I found the officers well versed in their work and under their direction the outlook is very favorable. I would especially like to thank the members of this lodge for their hospitality tendered to me during my visit there.

Irricana Lodge No. 137, Irricana: I visited my own lodge and was received officially on November 19, 1940. On this visit two first degrees were conferred under the direction of W. Bro. Stuart Hutchings. At this visit twenty-seven members and twelve visitors were present. I was extremely pleased with the manner in which the degrees were conferred and with the demeanor of the candidates. W. Bro. Coldwell is to be complimented on the capable and efficient way in which he performs the secretarial duties. In the past year this lodge, although not sponsoring the Irricana Cadet Corps, have given the corps the use of the building and have aided greatly in furthering this work. The leader of the Corps is Bro. Ralph Wright, Senior Warden who has built this corps up from a start of twenty to its present strength of seventy. W. Bro. F. Pierce is the instructor. This movement not only benefits the community by teaching the boys good citizenship but from the environment of the lodge itself and the association with the leader and instructor the boys are forming ideal impressions of the fundamentals of Masonry. A number of these boys already come from Masonic families and it is reasonable to think that in later years the boys will always remember their early training encouraged by Masons.

Acme Lodge No. 60, Acme: My next official visit was to Acme on February 16, 1941. I was accompanied on this visit by W. Bro. Cliff Mallett of Irricana. I was especially pleased to pay a visit to this my mother lodge, where I was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. While I was there a second degree was conferred. During the year these brethren have built a new lodge. Although as yet not completed these brethren will have a very comfortable lodge room which will be an asset to the community. This lodge has reduced its initiation fee to the minimum and are now making rapid progress. Since my visit the lodge has suffered the loss of one of its most active members in the person of W. Bro. McGill who has gone to the Grand Lodge above. I was also pleased to exchange Masonic intercourse with R. W. Bro. Dick Grainger who is an outstanding landmark in Masonry.

St. Andrew's No. 66, Trochu: On February 13th, accompanied by R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond and Bro. Frank Morrell, I paid my official visit to St. Andrew's. I was very cordially received and given a real Masonic welcome by the Master and members of this lodge. Although no degrees were conferred I found the brethren well skilled in their work. At this meeting plans were laid for the organization of the Grand Master's War Defence Fund for District No. 15. R. W. Bro. LeRoy Bond as Chairman of the committee was authorized to circulate the brethren in District No. 15 requesting them to attend their local rally night and soliciting their financial support for this very worthy cause. W. Bro. P. T. Rutherford had the books in commendable condition. I was particularly impressed with the way in which the brethren knew their work. I renewed many old acquaintances and spent an enjoyable evening.

Cavell Lodge No. 125, Delburne: My last official visit was to Cavell Lodge on February 20, 1941. R. W. Bro. Hans Nicholson again accompanied me. We were given a very cordial welcome by the

Master and members of Cavell Lodge. These brethren are very enthusiastic but are handicapped both by having a very poor lodge room and by having the smallest membership in the district. However prospects seem to be very encouraging which is probably due to the reduced initiation fee. Much work remains to be done in Cavell but I feel confident that the brethren will push forward and greatly improve the position of their lodge in the coming years. It is my opinion that in due course this lodge will be on a par with the other lodges in this jurisdiction. I inspected the lodge books and found them in good condition. W. Bro. Smith assisted in the conferring of the second degree on his son. He was capably assisted by the other officers and members. It is my intention to again visit this lodge officially before the expiration of my term of office.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to thank the brethren of District No. 15 for the very high honor they have conferred on me and also to thank you, M. W. Sir, in accepting it. This year has been a high light in Masonry for me. It has been a never to be forgotten experience. I would like to again thank the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary for their helpful suggestions and warm friendship for the year past. It is my earnest wish that the brethren of the district will afford to my successor the whole-hearted support which they have tendered me during this my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

PERCY HALLAM,

D.D.G.M. District No. 15.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Rockyford, April 25, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to submit my report as your Deputy for District No. 16. It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to serve you during the year.

I have officially visited each lodge in the district as well as making a number of unofficial visits. I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the very cordial reception I received. The brethren have exhibited a wonderful Masonic spirit—one that augurs well for the future welfare of the Craft. There appears to be a closer fellowship among the brethren and a drawing closer to our fundamental principles and teachings. I have every confidence that Masonry in this district will prove itself a true bulwark of civilization, will stand firm

against all "isms", "schisms", and subversive elements and uphold the principles of truth and justice.

My official visits were as follows:

Symbol No. 93, Drumheller.....	October 10, 1940
Carbon No. 107, Carbon.....	July 16, 1940
Rockyford No. 123, Rockyford.....	November 16, 1940
Hussar, No. 130, Hussar.....	November 11, 1940
Drumheller No. 146, Drumheller	November 19, 1940
Rosebud No. 149, Rosebud.....	November 13, 1940
Standard No. 152, Standard.....	November 18, 1940

SURRENDER OF CHARTER

I regret to report that owing to the very few resident members the brethren of Rosebud Lodge No. 149 have decided to surrender their charter. They had dropped the proposal to amalgamate with another lodge, and after all due consideration unanimously passed a resolution to surrender their charter. While this will be a loss to the Rosebud brethren and to the district, it appears to be in the best interests of Masonry.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Rockyford on September 30th, 1940. M. W. Bro. Sam Harris, Grand Master, honored us with a visit. He was accompanied by M. W. Bro. Kemmis, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Ellis, D.G.M., and M. W. Bro. Moore, P.G.M. There was a good attendance with every lodge in the district being well represented. The "High Light" of the meeting was the very inspiring addresses given by the Grand Master and other Grand Lodge Officers.

Hussar was chosen as the place for the next District Meeting. W. Bro. L. F. Snyder of Hussar Lodge No. 130 was elected as D.D. G.M. for next year, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

SPECIAL EVENTS

R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, D.G.M., accompanied by other distinguished brethren, visited Symbol Lodge No. 93 on March 13th, 1941, for their RALLY NIGHT, in support of the Grand Master's War Defence Fund; and visited Carbon Lodge No. 107, on May 6th. Brethren from neighboring lodges had been invited to attend on both of these occasions, and there was a good attendance. The messages by R. W. Bro. Ellis and M. W. Bro. Moore and other distinguished visitors were an inspiration to those present. These visits were greatly appreciated and mean a great deal to the local lodges. I would urge that one or two lodges in the district be visited annually by some of the Grand Lodge Officers and other distinguished visitors.

The Annual "Andy Davison Night" was royally celebrated by Standard Lodge on August 24th. This is a very worth-while good-will gesture by R. W. Bro. Davison and the brethren and artists from King George and other Calgary lodges. It is a great benefit and inspiration to the brethren of Standard Lodge.

On November 16, 1940, the brethren of Rockyford Lodge marked a real stepping-stone in the history of the lodge when an Emergent Meeting was held to burn the mortgage. Many visitors were present

on this festive occasion. M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, who had assisted at the institution of the lodge, and who had attended at the District Meeting in the lodge during his term of office as Grand Master, was present and gave an instructive and inspiring address.

CONDITION OF MASONRY

The majority of the lodges in the district are very active and taken as a whole Masonry is in a sound and healthy condition. All but two lodges had degree work last year, and both of these have had degree work this year. The officers of the lodges are efficient and capable. Business is conducted promptly and efficiently, and degrees are conferred in an impressive manner. Fourteen members were admitted during the year with a net increase in membership of twelve.

The lodges are in a sound position financially. Liquid assets have been increased, and liabilities reduced to a very small amount. Assets exceed liabilities by \$22,307.00. Arrears of dues amount to \$824.00. Four lodges own their Halls, and all four are fully paid; two of these Lodge Halls are provided with comfortable chairs and other conveniences.

My thanks are due to the Rockyford brethren for the excellent arrangements for the District Meeting; to W. Bro. C. Bradwell who served so ably as District Secretary, and to Bro. N. Bragg who acted as Secretary at the District Meeting; and in particular to the brethren who so loyally accompanied me on my visits.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the brethren of Districts No. 16, for the honor conferred upon me, and to express my appreciation for the kindness and warmth of welcome I received on all my visits.

Fraternally submitted,

A. L. WILLIAMS,

D.D.G.M. District No. 16.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT

Chauvin, April 26, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

Dear Sir and M. W. Brother:

I have the honor to present my report on Masonic District No. 17, for your consideration and approval for the year 1940-41.

I appreciate greatly the honor to have had the pleasure to represent you and serve the district and lodges, and also to work with you during this period. I assure you that this term has added much to my Masonic education as well as being a very pleasant experience.

DISTRICT MEETING

The District Meeting was held at Chauvin on September 23rd, in Albion's own Masonic Hall. The attendance in the afternoon was small, but when lodge resumed Labor in the evening many more members of the district as well as some visitors were on hand. Exceptional good weather and good crops were responsible for the small attendance, threshing being in full swing.

I had the honor of receiving yourself, M. W. Sir, along with our Grand Secretary, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, and D.D.G.M. R. W. Bro. Fox, with customary Masonic honors. Regret was expressed at the forced absence of R. W. Bro. Chapman, owing to illness and a telegram was read from him, also R. W. Bro. Lalley and W. Bro. A. E. Foxwell, who were confined to their beds; all three are regular attendants at our District Meetings.

A feature of the afternoon session was the contribution of \$25.00 from the district funds to the Grand Master's War Defence Fund, and this was forwarded immediately after the meeting. I understand this was one of the first contributions to this fund. W. Bro. F. F. Mitchell of Edgerton was declared D.D.G.M.-elect, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and the place of next District Meetings was left to his selection.

The exemplification of reception of a strange visitor was demonstrated by Edgerton Lodge No. 102 in a very creditable manner, and some discussion took place. Before we received the address from our Grand Master, he most kindly presented to Dynamic Lodge a purse on behalf of the members of District No. 17, as a token to our late P.D.D.G.M., R. W. Bro. Shieman, whose report was read by the District Secretary, and who was instructed to write Mrs. Shieman expressing our heartfelt sympathy in her recent loss, which also was a great blow to the district.

We were very fortunate in being privileged to listen to an address by yourself, M. W. Sir, which was appreciated by all present. We were also glad to see M. W. Bro. Kemmis in such good form at the commencement of his tour of the Districts of this Grand Jurisdiction in company with yourself.

The banquet was prepared in the Legion Hall by the wives of the members of Albion Lodge, the usual Toasts were proposed and responded to, and we again appreciated hearing from yourself, M. W. Bro. Kemmis, and R. W. Bro. Fox, along with others, interspersed with community singing. The ladies donated considerable food to the banquet and were able to turn over to the Red Cross the sum of \$29.73.

OFFICIAL VISITS

I paid my first official visit to my own lodge, Albion No. 97, on July 4th. A third degree was conferred in a most satisfactory manner. The business and management of the lodge was conducted very well. The lodge room has been redecorated, and made more attractive. This lodge owns its Hall, which is used for Masonic purposes only. Finances are not a great worry, but membership has suffered. Three of the brethren having passed to the Grand Lodge Above, while two more are moving away through conditions over which the lodge has no control; but as one member summed it up "there'll always be an Albion".

Edgerton Lodge No. 102: My official visit to Edgerton Lodge No. 102 was on Monday July 15th, a very warm night, but despite this a good attendance was on hand. The officers of the lodge were all in their respective positions for the first time since installation. There was no degree work but the business of the lodge was done in a very commendable manner. I was accompanied by several brethren from Albion. It is always a pleasure to visit this lodge, where there is always a spirit of good fellowship existing, and the work is so ably conducted. The appearance of the lodge room, which is their own, also adds to their comfort, having been newly decorated. The lodge is in a good financial condition, with some recent new members, and I look for Edgerton to be very active for some time.

Connaught No. 69: I visited this lodge on November 12th, a particularly cold evening, official reading being 31 below, which I believe was responsible for the small attendance. Official visit of the D.D.G.M. a year ago showed 34 P.M.'s in attendance. The lodge room is rented upstairs, not large, but cosy and comfortable, very well furnished, and since my visit three new seats and benches with leather upholstery have been added. The officers appear to be active and quite capable of carrying out their duties. All books and records are in good shape. The Historical Register is especially well kept and up to date, under the skilled hand of Bro. H. B. Collier, who met me at the depot. A collection of old relics and pictures, coupled with a feeling of friendliness from the time one enters the lodge makes Connaught a very interesting lodge.

Victory Lodge No. 112: My visit to Victory was on January 9th. This lodge has had difficulties for some time, owing to the small membership, which has been decreasing still further. They finally found it necessary to surrender their charter. After a long discussion, notice of motion was given and later adopted. With good fellowship, friendliness and harmony evident everywhere, this meeting was an evening I will never forget. It was a jolly, humorous gathering, recalling many good old nights, but it had its sad and touching moments, for it took some time and some courage before a brother felt he could make the motion. District No. 17 has suffered a loss for some time at least, but I feel that the brethren will affiliate with their nearest neighboring lodges.

Dynamic Lodge No. 96: February 5th I visited Dynamic. This is one of the finest lodge rooms in the district, and the brethren have something to be proud of. The new flooring which was laid last summer is really a treat for a visitor. I feel sure there is not another like it in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta. The lodge is in a healthy condition financially and a good Masonic spirit prevails everywhere. I was made very much at home by W. Bro. D. K. Allan, the Secretary. This lodge has suffered a loss in membership through the death of R. W. Bro. Shieman, and others, who through their splendid work will not be easily forgotten. The W. M. and Officers conduct the business of the lodge very well, and a few candidates would, I feel, do a lot just now to help recover their membership.

Palestine Lodge No. 46: February 18th was my official visit to Palestine. Travelling by train I was met at the station by their very capable Secretary V. W. Bro. Allan, who accompanied me to visit R. W. Bro. Chapman, after dinner. He was confined to bed for some time owing to a heart ailment. I sincerely regret having to chronicle

the passing of R. W. Bro. Chapman, whom I believe never missed a District Meeting of No. 17, until forced to do so in 1940. The lodge is in good shape financially, has a very comfortable lodge room, rented, attendance is fair, average visitor attendance is high, which again shows the feeling of good fellowship and harmony, which was evident from the time I arrived in town until I left on the bus the following morning. The officers are efficient and looking forward to conferring the second degree March 13th on a candidate who had moved away for some time after having been initiated.

Gratton Lodge No. 144: I made an official visit to Gratton on February 20th. The attendance was small, but the books and records were in nice shape. Arrangements were made for a social evening, proving that the faithful and loyal members are working for the advancement of the lodge. It has no financial worries. An application for initiation was received. Friendliness, harmony and fellowship are all very much in evidence.

Buffalo Park Lodge No. 44: On March 13th, Regular Meeting and Rally Night, I paid my official visit to Buffalo Park, when there was a fair attendance of members and many visitors. M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, of Edmonton, a Life Member, was also present and gave an inspiring address. The Church and Masonry are two institutions which, under present world conditions, Masons in democratic countries should try to foster as they represent all the ideals for which the Allies are now struggling to maintain. I was accompanied on this visit by several brethren from Albion and Edgerton. The lodge, the largest in the district, and also the oldest has had no candidates for sometime. Attendance has fallen off. The officers are efficient, and I see no reason why Buffalo Park Lodge should not be a very healthy one. They have a very nice hall, which they own, large and comfortable. Financial conditions are no worry, and given a candidate of two to revive the interest still further, it should be due for a much more active future. Their friendliness, fellowship and hospitality was so evident that I hope it will bear fruit some day in the near future.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I would like to offer the suggestion that all officers and members of the various lodges make a special effort to attend the District Meeting, for this meeting is especially for them, and members not only become acquainted with the Grand Lodge Officers, but are able to understand the various problems and difficulties, and many questions which arise, and are discussed, give us all some valuable pointers. Any questions or difficulties which arise during the year should be made note of, so that they may be introduced at this meeting, that we may get a ruling on same from our Grand Master, or the Committee on the Work. The greater amount of inter-lodge visitation, the more goodfellowship and friendliness, and handshakes will result. Evidence of this was witnessed at Rally Night in Buffalo Park No. 44, at Wainwright, March 13th. More such meetings, and meetings such as our District Meeting, I feel would do a lot to prove that Masonry is the beautiful system we claim it to be.

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the district for electing me as District Representative, and also to the Grand Master for concurring in such election, and for the assistance and help, in many ways, during my term of office. Also to the brethren

who have accompanied me whenever possible, and to the Secretaries for their help and promptness.

I must especially mention R. W. Bro. Hawthorn, P.D.D.G.M., who acted as District Secretary, for his valuable assistance. I am at a loss to find words to express my thanks to him, he has been a tower of strength. I sincerely hope my successor, W. Bro. Mitchell will receive the same fine spirit of co-operation, hospitality and courtesies.

Fraternally submitted,

IRVING E. NEIL,

D.D.G.M. District No. 17.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. J. Paterson (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. M. Coote (34), "That the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Masonry."

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith submit to you my report as Grand Treasurer for the twelve months ending April 30th, 1941:

May 1st, 1940, Cash in Bank—General Account	\$3,290.42	
Drouth Relief Account.....	83.58	
		\$ 3,374.00
Deposits, General Fund.		16,881.32
		\$20,255.32
Less Cheques issued	\$11,511.40	
Transfers to Relief and Benevolent Funds..	4,267.50	
Transfer Drouth Relief Balance to Grand		
Master's War Defence Fund.....	83.58	
		15,862.48
April 30th, 1941, Cash in Bank, General Account.		\$ 4,392.84

Grand Master's War Defence Fund:		
Receipts from Lodges, etc.....	\$11,518.47	
Drouth Relief Fund balance.....	83.58	
		\$11,602.05
Less Cheque to United Grand Lodge of England....		5,006.46
April 30th, 1941, Cash in Bank, Grand Master's War De-		
fence account.		\$ 6,595.59

A detailed account of receipts and disbursements is fully set forth in the reports of the Grand Secretary and Auditor.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. DAVIS,

Grand Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by V. W. Bro. Norman Leslie (105), "That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Committee on Finance."

Report of the Grand Secretary

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I herewith present the Thirty-sixth Annual Report of your Grand Secretary, containing a statement of monies received from lodges and lodge balances, for the financial year ending April 30th, 1941. A statement of receipts and expenditures and of the assets and liabilities as of that date will be found in the Auditor's Report. I also present a synopsis of the returns of the several lodges to December 31st, 1940, together with a statement of certificates issued; by-laws and amendments thereto; dispensations issued and all other official acts of the M. W. the Grand Master and transactions of this office for the past year.

PROCEEDINGS

Eight hundred and fifty copies of the Proceedings of the last Annual Communication were printed and distributed in accordance with the requirements of Grand Lodge.

CERTIFICATES

In accordance with Section 75 of the Constitution, certificates were issued to all elected and appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

I have issued 291 Master Mason Certificates to brethren raised during the year.

During the past year 41 Life Members were registered and the requisite certificates issued.

I have also issued 113 Past Masters' Certificates to Past Masters who applied for the same.

The above do not include a dozen or more Master Mason Certificates which were requested to replace originals lost or destroyed.

BY-LAWS

The M. W. the Grand Master has examined and approved the by-laws of the following:

Vulcan, No. 74.....	April 8, 1941
Albion, No. 97.....	May 16, 1941

Amendments to By-laws

Oyen, No. 104.....	Aug. 16, 1940
Manyberries, No. 133.....	Sept. 6, 1940
Grande Prairie, No. 105.....	Sept. 14, 1940
Concord, No. 124.....	Sept. 20, 1940
Champion, No. 84.....	Sept. 27, 1940
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Oct. 19, 1940
Champion, No. 84.....	Oct. 19, 1940
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Oct. 25, 1940
Pembina, No. 126.....	Oct. 25, 1940
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Oct. 25, 1940
Provost, No. 61.....	Oct. 25, 1940
Jasper, No. 14.....	Oct. 25, 1940
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	Nov. 1, 1940
Kilwinning, No. 110.....	Nov. 1, 1940
King Solomon, No. 41.....	Nov. 12, 1940
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	Nov. 15, 1940
Rockyford, No. 123.....	Nov. 15, 1940
Cavell, No. 125.....	Nov. 29, 1940
Strathmore, No. 53.....	Dec. 17, 1940
Sharon, No. 157.....	Jan. 7, 1941
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Jan. 7, 1941
Alberta, No. 3.....	Jan. 10, 1941
Lochearn, No. 151.....	Feb. 7, 1941
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Feb. 7, 1941
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Feb. 7, 1941
Coal Lodge, No. 62.....	Feb. 21, 1941
Edson, No. 68.....	Mar. 14, 1941
Chinook, No. 47.....	Mar. 25, 1941
Nanton, No. 17.....	April 28, 1941
Whitecourt, No. 153.....	April 8, 1941
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	May 19, 1941
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	May 23, 1941
Provost, No. 61.....	May 27, 1941
Brooks, No. 73.....	May 31, 1941

DISPENSATIONS**To Wear Regalia at Divine Service**

St. Mark's, No. 118.....	June 16, 1940
Acacia, No. 11.....	June 16, 1940
Big Valley, No. 140.....	June 23, 1940
Bassano, No. 55.....	June 23, 1940
Strathmore, No. 53.....	June 23, 1940
Star of the West, No. 34.....	June 23, 1940
Lake Saskatoon, No. 106.....	June 23, 1940
Mountain View, No. 16.....	June 23, 1940
Victoria, No. 13.....	June 23, 1940
Apollo, No. 27.....	June 23, 1940
Corinthian, No. 22.....	June 23, 1940
Gleichen, No. 36.....	June 30, 1940
Ionic, No. 45.....	Oct. 6, 1940
York, No. 119.....	Oct. 20, 1940
Cairo, No. 32.....	Nov. 3, 1940

Carbon, No. 107.....	Feb. 16, 1941
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	April 20, 1941
Ionic, No. 45.....	May 18, 1941

To Hold Special Installations

West Edmonton, No. 101.....	June 19, 1940
Edson, No. 68.....	June 20, 1940
Verdigris, No. 100.....	June 25, 1940
Norwood, No. 90.....	June 25, 1940
Acme, No. 60.....	June 26, 1940
Berry Creek, No. 158.....	June 26, 1940
Patricia, No. 91.....	June 28, 1940
Westlock, No. 114.....	June 28, 1940
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	June 28, 1940
Big Valley, No. 140.....	July 2, 1940
Onoway, No. 138.....	July 3, 1940
Cairo, No. 32.....	July 16, 1940
Efficiency, No. 141.....	Sept. 2, 1940
Earl Haig, No. 155.....	Sept. 9, 1940
Commercial, No. 81.....	Dec. 14, 1940
Empire, No. 63.....	Dec. 14, 1940
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Dec. 16, 1940
Renfrew, No. 134.....	Dec. 16, 1940
Unity, No. 51.....	Dec. 17, 1940
Bow River, No. 1.....	Dec. 18, 1940
Dominion, No. 117.....	Dec. 19, 1940
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	Dec. 19, 1940
Zetland, No. 83.....	Dec. 19, 1940
Acacia, No. 11.....	Dec. 19, 1940
Calgary, No. 23.....	Dec. 20, 1940
Concord, No. 124.....	Dec. 21, 1940
Edmonton, No. 7.....	Dec. 26, 1940
Ashlar, No. 28.....	Dec. 26, 1940
Crescent, No. 87.....	Dec. 28, 1940
Mount Lebanon, No. 54.....	Dec. 30, 1940
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Dec. 30, 1940
Excelsior, No. 80.....	Jan. 2, 1941
Summit, No. 30.....	Jan. 2, 1941
Alliance, No. 135.....	Jan. 6, 1941
Oyen, No. 104.....	Jan. 7, 1941
Craigmyle, No. 132.....	Jan. 7, 1941
Corinthian, No. 22.....	Jan. 7, 1941
Drumheller, No. 146.....	Jan. 7, 1941
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	Jan. 8, 1941
Bassano, No. 55.....	Jan. 14, 1941
Morning Star, No. 79.....	Jan. 16, 1941
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Jan. 16, 1941

To Elect and Invest Out of Time

Tawatinaw, No. 71.....	Aug. 1, 1940
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Nov. 14, 1940
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	Nov. 18, 1940

Cyprus, No. 113.....	Jan. 15, 1941
Brooks, No. 73.....	Jan. 21, 1941
Vulcan, No. 74.....	Feb. 4, 1941
Granite, No. 127.....	Feb. 5, 1941
Mountain View, No. 16.....	Feb. 5, 1941
Foremost, No. 103.....	Feb. 5, 1941
Acme, No. 60.....	Feb. 6, 1941
Alberta, No. 3.....	
Hand Hill, No. 98.....	
Britannia, No. 18.....	

To Change Regular Night of Meeting

York, No. 119.....	June 18, 1940
Rosebud, No. 149.....	June 19, 1940
Coronation, No. 72.....	June 20, 1940
Carstairs, No. 20.....	June 20, 1940
Apollo, No. 27.....	July 9, 1940
Mountain View, No. 16.....	Sept. 3, 1940
Quarry, No. 70.....	Sept. 13, 1940
Cairo, No. 32.....	Oct. 8, 1940
Eureka, No. 10.....	Oct. 9, 1940
Lethbridge, No. 39.....	Oct. 10, 1940
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Oct. 15, 1940
Alberta, No. 3.....	Oct. 23, 1940
St. Mark's, No. 118.....	Nov. 12, 1940
Edgerton, No. 102.....	Nov. 18, 1940
Empire, No. 63.....	Dec. 2, 1940
Alberta, No. 3.....	Dec. 17, 1940
Forestburg, No. 128.....	Dec. 18, 1940
Sharon, No. 157.....	Dec. 18, 1940
Alliance, No. 135.....	Jan. 6, 1941
Granite, No. 127.....	Jan. 8, 1941
West Edmonton, No. 101.....	Jan. 8, 1941
Eureka, No. 10.....	Jan. 9, 1941
Bow River, No. 1.....	Jan. 15, 1941
Star of the West, No. 34.....	Mar. 5, 1941
Zetland, No. 83.....	Mar. 8, 1941
North Star, No. 4.....	Mar. 17, 1941
King George, No. 59.....	April 4, 1941
Ashlar, No. 28.....	April 9, 1941
Dominion, No. 117.....	April 16, 1941
Saskatchewan, No. 92.....	April 24, 1941
Sexsmith, No. 160.....	June 4, 1941
Joppa, No. 40.....	June 5, 1941
Eureka, No. 10.....	June 6, 1941

To Change Regular Hour of Meeting

Verdigris, No. 100.....	Dec. 17, 1940
Wahpun, No. 88.....	Jan. 16, 1941
Ivanhoe, No. 142.....	April 17, 1941

To Confer Degree in Less Time Than Prescribed by Constitution

Crescent, No. 87. June 25, 1940

To Act With Physical Defect

Drumheller, No. 146. Mar. 3, 1941

To Act Without Residence Qualifications

Alberta, No. 3. Mar. 10, 1941
 Britannia, No. 18. April 5, 1941
 Grassy Lake, No. 57. June 4, 1941

To Ballot Within the Time Prescribed by Constitution

Hand Hill, No. 98. Mar. 31, 1941
 Empire, No. 63. June 5, 1941
 Chief Mountain, No. 58. June 7, 1941

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The following Special Committees were appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

Committee on Masonic Research and Education

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, Chairman; R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone, R. W. Bro. E. S. Tharp and R. W. Bro. John Booth.

The Committee on The Work

M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis, Chairman; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell and M. W. Bro. J. Martland.

Grand Lodge Elections

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse, Chairman; R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull.

Grand Master s Address

M. W. Bro. J. Martland, Chairman; M. W. Bro. W. J. Botterill, M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman and M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay.

Grans Secretary s Report

M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, Chairman; R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale and R. W. Bro. John Paterson.

On Fraternal Dead

R. W. Bro. G. A. Guthrie, Chairman; M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey, R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership, December 31, 1939 (as corrected) 10,821

Increase

Initiated	291	
Passed	289	
Raised	291	
Joined (Affiliated)	121	
Reinstated	103	
Total Increase	515	

Decrease

Dimitted	223	
Charter surrendered	14	
Suspended N.P.D.	205	
Suspended U.M.C.	1	
Died	147	
Total Decrease	590	
Net Decrease		75

Total Membership, December 31, 1940 10,746

Our membership is still dropping, but the yearly loss again is a little less than the previous year, suspensions, deaths and dimits showing an increase over last year, while fewer were initiated and joined by affiliation.

A number of lodge secretaries still fail to comply with the Constitution, Section 194, page 65, in that they do not give proper notice of applications for membership. Several times it has been necessary to write accordingly. It may seem unnecessary to be so particular, but it is of very great importance that all applicants for membership, whether for initiation or affiliation, should be definitely identified on the notices, as provided for by the aforementioned clause.

Amendments to By-laws

On receipt of lodge summonses containing notice of motions for amendment of by-laws, it is now the practise of this office to immediately forward blank forms in duplicate on which the amendments, if passed, are to be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master. This has been of great assistance to all concerned, as the amendments come in in proper form. It would be a further advantage if Secretaries would, after a motion to amend passes, make brief mention of the fact on the next lodge notice.

Life Membership

Last year I referred to Life Membership and the necessity of lodges complying with the Constitution, but probably some Masters and Secretaries did not see this report as in some instances notice of motion to confer life membership was not given.

The following may be of interest: On examining the list of Life Memberships conferred by the 18 oldest lodges, it is found that a few of these lodges have a list of over 40, at least one having 60 Life Members. Several have from 8 to 14, some from 5 to 8 and two have only two Life Members each. Since the Constitution was amended in 1936, we have registered 138 Life Members, and in the past year 41. I found the average age of 39 of these was 65 years and the average number of years for which they had been members in this jurisdiction was 28. From this it would appear that the lodges are now exercising proper discretion in conferring this honour upon their members. At the time of the amendment of the Constitution, we had 767 registered Life Members, which together with the 138 since reported, makes a total of 905. The large majority of these are living.

Evacuee Children

During the year we have had two special activities which took up much of the time of the office and yet were of absorbing interest. First I would refer to the attempt made to find members who would be willing to care for refugee children from the Old Country, more especially those with Masonic connections. The response to this effort was quite remarkable when one considers the heavy responsibilities which would have to be assumed by those volunteering to take charge of these children. We have on our files applications from a number of lodges which were located in every part of the jurisdiction, indicating the widespread interest which was taken in the proposal, which however had to be dropped as the risk of sending children out from Britain was too great without special convoys.

Grand Master's Fund

Another enterprise which was attended with considerable success was the campaign in aid of the sufferers from the terrific bombing attacks made by the enemy on the cities and towns of Great Britain. Although this was started at a time when nearly every organization that was seeking funds for war purposes was fully organized and making strenuous efforts to achieve their objectives, our members, true to their obligations, made special sacrifices in a number of cases and all but succeeded in reaching the objective set of \$25,000.00 for the Grand Master's War Defence Fund. Masonry in Alberta can answer with inner satisfaction the query: "What has Masonry done in the War?"

As one instance of what Masons have done, it might not be out of place to mention a little group far from any lodge, who are keeping alive their interest in Masonry by meeting regularly for discussion of Masonic subjects. When they heard of the Grand Master's Fund, they undertook on their own to contribute, raised a sum comparable to that of many organized lodges, and seemed to derive great satisfaction from sending their donations in from time to time.

Visit to Saskatchewan

I had the pleasure and privilege of attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan last year, with our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harris, at Saskatoon, where we had a most enjoyable visit with our Saskatchewan brethren. They had a most successful and well attended communication. The members took a keen interest in the proceedings, which were conducted with dignity and dispatch—a tribute to the executive ability of those in charge, while the graciousness of their hospitality to their visitors could not have been exceeded.

I had the great pleasure of renewing old friendships with brethren I had not met for years and also of learning a little of a great province where Masonry is making no inconsiderable contribution under the leadership of men who have made high marks in the many and varied callings of life which they follow.

In conclusion, may I again express my gratitude and appreciation for the many kindnesses I have experienced at the hands of the brethren throughout our jurisdiction, and especially those whose assistance in the two major activities of the year has been so freely given.

Fraternally submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. S. Kenna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Grand Secretary

***Financial Report of the Grand Secretary
and Auditor's Report for the Year
Ending April 30th, 1941***

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Monies received between May 1, 1940, to April 30th, 1941

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	\$297.94	44.	Buffalo Park.....	65.65
2.	Medicine Hat.....	248.00	45.	Ionic.....	95.75
3.	Alberta.....	101.33	46.	Palestine.....	60.65
4.	North Star.....	198.55	47.	Chinook.....	43.85
5.	Cascade.....	159.60	48.	Crossfield.....	92.35
6.	Spitzie.....	146.10	49.	Robert Burns.....	55.65
7.	Edmonton.....	344.10	50.	Comet.....	75.50
8.	Innisfail.....	100.30	51.	Unity.....	420.11
9.	Perfection.....	415.30	53.	Strathmore.....	90.30
10.	Eureka.....	130.35	54.	Mount Lebanon.....	230.55
11.	Acacia.....	252.87	55.	Bassano.....	84.25
12.	Red Deer.....	151.60	56.	Beaver.....	86.45
13.	Victoria.....	48.45	57.	Grassy Lake.....	32.15
14.	Jasper.....	159.20	58.	Chief Mountain.....	62.35
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	125.40	59.	King George.....	364.25
16.	Mountain View.....	93.36	60.	Aeeme.....	83.40
17.	Nanton.....	95.55	61.	Provost.....	99.55
18.	Britannia.....	123.25	62.	Coal.....	75.35
19.	Cornerstone.....	207.41	63.	Empire.....	133.59
20.	Carstairs.....	44.25	64.	Bow Island.....	91.30
21.	King Hiram.....	105.40	65.	Diamond City.....	45.55
22.	Corinthian.....	222.30	66.	St. Andrew's.....	81.05
23.	Calgary.....	242.00	67.	Charity.....	93.25
24.	Vermilion.....	94.00	68.	Edson.....	228.85
25.	St. John's.....	129.85	69.	Connaught.....	45.30
26.	Sentinel.....	101.45	70.	Quarry.....	79.45
27.	Apollo.....	146.60	71.	Tawatinaw.....	53.30
28.	Ashlar.....	172.26	72.	Coronation.....	74.93
29.	Kenilworth.....	164.00	73.	Brooks.....	174.95
30.	Summit.....	75.05	74.	Vulcan.....	109.40
31.	Doric.....	80.85	75.	Harmony.....	49.67
32.	Cairo.....	94.10	77.	Strathcona.....	202.20
33.	Stavely.....	90.45	78.	Hanna.....	109.10
34.	Star of the West.....	74.75	79.	Morning Star.....	48.45
35.	Mizpah.....	136.65	80.	Excelsior.....	31.95
36.	Gleichen.....	135.75	81.	Commercial.....	185.40
37.	Camrose.....	150.03	82.	Acadia.....	76.35
38.	Hope.....	50.75	83.	Zetland.....	320.25
39.	Lethbridge.....	206.20	84.	Champion.....	62.86
40.	Joppa.....	40.15	86.	Rocky Mountain.....	83.15
41.	King Solomon.....	53.25	87.	Crescent.....	290.50
42.	Bowden.....	64.10	88.	Wahpun.....	58.05
43.	Tuscan.....	74.73	89.	Peace River.....	82.75

No.	Name of Lodge	Amount	No.	Name of Lodge	Amount
90.	Norwood.....	142.54	132.	Craigmyle.....	35.60
91.	Patricia.....	298.30	133.	Manyberries.....	62.27
92.	Saskatchewan.....	140.30	134.	Renfrew.....	164.60
93.	Symbol.....	243.16	135.	Alliance.....	37.92
94.	Lamont.....	57.00	136.	Cresset.....	42.20
95.	Kitchener.....	45.80	137.	Irricana.....	136.20
96.	Dynamic.....	56.24	138.	Onoway.....	34.65
97.	Albion.....	62.34	139.	Melrose.....	26.90
98.	Hand Hill.....	53.95	140.	Big Valley.....	82.00
100.	Verdigris.....	61.00	141.	Efficiency.....	63.85
101.	West Edmonton.....	174.00	142.	Ivanhoe.....	236.45
102.	Edgerton.....	48.65	143.	Jasper Park.....	126.90
103.	Foremost.....	38.10	144.	Gratton.....	40.00
104.	Oyen.....	97.80	145.	St. Alban's.....	62.50
105.	Grande Prairie.....	128.16	146.	Drumheller.....	88.35
106.	Lake Saskatoon.....	71.40	147.	Northland.....	62.35
107.	Carbon.....	88.60	148.	Mayerthorpe..	58.15
108.	Pyramid.....	44.85	149.	Rosebud.....	21.10
110.	Kilwinning.....	40.25	151.	Lochearn.....	126.65
111.	Nobleford.....	48.80	152.	Standard.....	40.45
112.	Victory.....	20.80	153.	Whitecourt.....	50.00
113.	Cyprus.....	67.50	154.	Waskatenau.....	28.60
114.	Westlock.....	44.10	155.	Earl Haig.....	36.85
115.	Crocus.....	59.08	156.	Hythe.....	39.75
116.	Spirit River.....	72.60	157.	Sharon.....	53.55
117.	Dominion.....	142.55	158.	Berry Creek.....	94.55
118.	St. Mark's.....	147.40	159.	Lucerne.....	63.70
119.	York.....	133.55	160.	Sexsmith.....	45.70
120.	Monitor.....	64.85	Masonic District No. 4..... 90.00		
122.	Rising Sun.....	52.65	Masonic District No. 8..... 90.50		
123.	Rockyford.....	82.70	Masonic District No. 9..... 90.00		
124.	Concord.....	159.75	Masonic District No. 13..... 90.00		
125.	Cavell.....	43.90	Masonic District No. 14..... 90.50		
126.	Pembina.....	21.45	Masonic District No. 15..... 2.75		
127.	Granite.....	101.30	Sundry Account..... 9.00		
128.	Forestburg.....	57.87			
129.	Meridian.....	62.50			
130.	Hussar.....	63.35			
131.	Kitscoty.....	40.35			
					\$16,881.32

DEBIT BALANCES

As at April 30th, 1941

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
2.	Medicine Hat.....	\$ 2.50	17.	Nanton.....	1.98
3.	Alberta.....	2.40	18.	Britannia.....	2.15
4.	North Star.....	10.00	19.	Cornerstone.....	.95
5.	Cascade.....	.30	21.	King Hiram.....	3.00
6.	Spitzie.....	1.60	22.	Corinthian.....	2.00
7.	Edmonton.....	.30	24.	Vermilion.....	67.22
11.	Acacia.....	2.08	25.	St. John's.....	6.25
12.	Red Deer.....	1.55	26.	Sentinel.....	3.35
13.	Victoria.....	1.60	27.	Apollo.....	2.00
14.	Jasper.....	.60	29.	Kenilworth.....	3.10
16.	Mountain View.....	3.65	30.	Summit.....	2.15

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
31.	Doric.....	4.35	92.	Saskatchewan.....	4.00
32.	Cairo.....	3.35	93.	Symbol.....	4.05
33.	Stavely.....	6.34	94.	Lamont.....	2.50
34.	Star of the West..	7.75	96.	Dynamic.....	5.86
37.	Camrose.....	1.76	98.	Hand Hill.....	6.40
38.	Hope.....	2.40	100.	Verdigris.....	7.24
39.	Lethbridge.....	.30	102.	Edgerton.....	1.65
41.	King Solomon....	2.97	103.	Foremost.....	34.10
42.	Bowden.....	.10	105.	Grande Prairie....	1.00
43.	Tuscan.....	2.86	106.	Lake Saskatoon...	5.70
44.	Buffalo Park.....	1.90	107.	Carbon.....	.15
46.	Palestine.....	1.00	108.	Pyramid.....	5.40
48.	Crossfield.....	72.59	111.	Nobleford.....	.45
49.	Robert Burns.....	5.40	114.	Westlock.....	34.15
50.	Comet.....	4.45	115.	Crocus.....	2.02
51.	Unity.....	3.20	116.	Spirit River.....	.10
54.	Mount Lebanon..	1.08	117.	Dominion.....	2.35
55.	Bassano.....	5.00	118.	St. Mark's.....	4.00
56.	Beaver.....	2.00	119.	York.....	6.65
57.	Grassy Lake.....	.35	120.	Monitor.....	.50
58.	Chief Mountain...	2.00	123.	Rockyford.....	5.60
60.	Acme.....	.80	124.	Concord.....	3.00
61.	Provost.....	2.10	125.	Cavell.....	1.65
63.	Empire.....	2.88	126.	Pembina.....	18.85
65.	Diamond City....	.25	127.	Granite.....	5.78
67.	Charity.....	1.15	128.	Forestburg.....	2.58
69.	Connaught.....	4.65	131.	Kitscoty.....	1.35
70.	Quarry.....	3.70	133.	Manyberries.....	2.88
71.	Tawatinaw.....	.95	136.	Cresset.....	1.35
72.	Coronation.....	2.57	137.	Irricana.....	.22
74.	Vulcan.....	7.05	140.	Big Valley.....	.20
75.	Harmony.....	.72	141.	Efficiency.....	2.85
76.	Fidelity.....	92.05	145.	St. Alban's.....	17.65
78.	Hanna.....	4.75	146.	Drumheller.....	7.25
79.	Morning Star.....	2.00	151.	Lochearn.....	7.20
80.	Excelsior.....	2.15	154.	Waskatenau.....	.50
82.	Acadia.....	1.00	155.	Earl Haig.....	4.55
84.	Champion.....	.95	156.	Hythe.....	1.45
86.	Rocky Mountain..	2.00	160.	Sexsmith.....	.90
89.	Peace River.....	.55		Masonic District No. 2..	1.75
90.	Norwood.....	1.46			
91.	Patricia.....	1.85			
				Total	\$603.29

CREDIT BALANCES

As at April 30th, 1941

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1.	Bow River.....	6.88	40.	Joppa.....	.38
9.	Perfection.....	6.00	47.	Chinook.....	.45
10.	Eureka.....	2.10	53.	Strathmore.....	1.45
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	.25	64.	Bow Island.....	.05
20.	Carstairs.....	2.51	66.	St. Andrew's.....	2.00
35.	Mizpah.....	1.35	73.	Brooks.....	.05
36.	Gleichen.....	8.55	77.	Strathcona.....	5.50

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Lodge</i>	<i>Amount</i>
81.	Commercial.....	1.90	149.	Rosebud.....	9.20
88.	Wahpun.....	2.40	152.	Standard.....	.85
97.	Albion.....	.65	153.	Whitecourt.....	2.85
101.	West Edmonton..	2.60	157.	Sharon.....	.35
112.	Victory.....	2.35	158.	Berry Creek.....	1.42
113.	Cyprus.....	.70		Masonic District No. 5..	.60
122.	Rising Sun.....	.45		Masonic District No. 11..	1.0
132.	Craigmyle.....	2.15		Masonic District No. 12..	1.50
138.	Onoway.....	.65		Masonic District No. 14..	1.25
142.	Ivanhoe.....	2.50		Masonic District No. 15..	3.00
143.	Jasper Park.....	.60			
147.	Northland.....	.90			
148.	Mayerthorpe.....	.10			
			Total.....\$ 76.59		

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Calgary, May 15th, 1941.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Members,
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

I have conducted an audit of the books of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the fiscal year ended April 30th, 1941, and have pleasure in submitting the following Statements:

BALANCE SHEET as at April 30th, 1941.

REVENUE ACCOUNT for the period.

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
of the General Fund, Relief and Benevolent Funds.

SCHEDULE showing the changes in the Benevolent Fund
Capital Account and the Relief Fund Account during the
year.

SCHEDULE of the Investments held by Grand Lodge with the
accrued interest thereon.

The Balances in the several Bank Accounts have been verified by me and certified to me by the Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Calgary.

In company with the Grand Secretary and members of the Finance Committee, I attended at the Bank of Nova Scotia, Calgary, and examined the Securities held on behalf of the Benevolent and Relief Funds, and have found same to be in order.

The Revenue Account shows an excess of Income over Expenditure for the year of \$861.37 after making due provision for Depreciation on Furniture and Fixtures and Regalia. It will be observed that the income received exceeds the amount estimated in the budget, and that in the matter of expenses, that while individual items may have been exceeded, yet on the whole the expenses have been kept within

the allowance made. Included in the Grand Lodge Expense is an amount representing expenses incurred in connection with the Grand Master's Defence Fund. It is assumed that the monies received from the Brethren will all be given without deduction for the purpose for which it was subscribed.

MASONIC HOME AND SCHOOL FUND. Under the terms of the Will of the late James Winn, a Legacy of \$100.00 was bequeathed to Grand Lodge for the establishing and maintaining an Alberta Masonic Home and School. This Legacy is shown as a special Trust Fund of Grand Lodge.

Subject to the foregoing remarks, I am of the opinion that the attached Balance Sheet and accompanying Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the financial position of Grand Lodge as at April 30th, 1941, according to the best of my information and the explanations given to me and as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

Chartered Accountant,

Auditor.

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Balance Sheet as at April 30th, 1941

ASSETS

General Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	4,329.84
Balance due from Lodges.....	603.29
Books, Stationery & Supplies on hand..	1,503.25
Office Supplies on hand.....	145.30
Furniture and Fixtures.....	1,425.38
Regalia.....	815.48
	<u>\$ 8,885.54</u>
Benevolent Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	\$ 540.32
Investments in Bonds at cost—(Par Value \$204,000.00).....	189,128.27
Accrued Interest.....	1,660.00
	<u>191,328.59</u>
Relief Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	7,903.39
Investment in Bonds at cost.....	17,931.35
Accrued Interest.....	393.75
	<u>26,228.49</u>
Grand Master's Defence Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	6,595.59
Masonic Home and School Fund:	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	100.00
Trust Funds:	
Walton Trust Fund—	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	.50
Strachey Trust Fund—	
Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....	26.73
	<u>27.23</u>
	<u>\$233,165.44</u>

LIABILITIES

General Fund:	
Balances due Lodges.....	\$ 76.59
Unexpired Proportion of Life Memberships.....	325.53
Surplus Account:	
Balance May 1, 1940.....	\$7,622.05
Plus excess of Income over Expenditure.....	861.37
	<u>\$ 8,483.42</u>
	<u>\$ 8,885.54</u>
Benevolent Fund:	
Capital Account—	
As per schedule attached.....	191,328.59
Relief Fund:	
Surplus Account—	
As per schedule attached.....	\$26,057.49
Liability on Estate of Beneficiary.....	171.00
	<u>26,228.49</u>
Grand Master's Defence Fund:	
Donations received from Lodges, etc.....	\$11,602.05
Less Remittances to the Grand Lodge of England.....	5,006.46
	<u>6,595.59</u>
Masonic Home and School Fund:	
Legacy from the Estate of the late W. Bro. James Winn.....	100.00
Trust Funds:	
United Grand Lodge of England—	
Walton Trust Fund.....	.50
Strachey Trust Fund.....	26.73
	<u>27.23</u>
	<u>\$233,165.44</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.**BENEVOLENT FUND CAPITAL ACCOUNT**

As at April 30th, 1941

By Balance, May 1st, 1940.....	\$191,097.04	
Affiliation Fees.....	152.00	
Interest on Savings.....	4.55	
Adjustment of Accrued Interest.....	75.00	
To Balance to Balance Sheet	\$191,328.59	
	\$191,328.59	\$191,328.59

RELIEF FUND SURPLUS ACCOUNT

As at April 30th, 1941

By Balance, May 1st, 1940.....	\$ 28,668.28	
Interest on Bonds.....	7,168.33	
Membership Fees.....	5,115.50	
Refunds of Advances.....	422.76	
Interest on Savings.....	26.91	
Refund Wright Estate.....	2,883.46	
To Payments to Beneficiaries	\$ 9,676.82	
Expenses of Board.....	16.65	
Expenses re Evacuee Children.....	34.28	
Allowance to General Fund.....	1,000.00	
Donation to Grand Lodge of England....	2,500.00	
Donation to Dominion of Canada.....	5,000.00	
To Balance to Balance Sheet....	26,057.49	
	\$ 44,285.24	\$ 44,285.24

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
From May 1st, 1940, to April 30th, 1941

BENEVOLENT FUND

To Balance in Bank, May 1, 1940.....	\$ 383.77	
Affiliation Fees.....	152.00	
Interest on Savings.....	4.55	
By Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		\$ 540.32
	<u>\$ 540.32</u>	<u>\$ 540.32</u>

RELIEF FUND

To	Balance in Bank, May 1, 1940.....	\$10,343.28	
	Interest on Bonds.....	7,168.33	
	Interest on Savings Account.....	26.91	
	Receipts from Lodges on Account of Beneficiaries.....	654.85	
	Refund on advances.....	209.71	
	Membership Fees.....	5,115.50	
	Proceeds from Estates of Beneficiary.....	383.95	
	Wright Estate.....	2,883.46	
By	Cheques issued to Beneficiaries.....		\$10,331.67
	Expenses of Board.....		16.65
	Expenses re Evacuee Children.....		34.28
	Allowance to General Fund.....		1,000.00
	Donation Receiver General of Canada.....		5,000.00
	Donation United Grand Lodge of England.....		2,500.00
	Balance in Bank of Nova Scotia.....		7,903.39
		<u>\$26,785.99</u>	<u>\$26,785.99</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements from May 1st, 1940, to April 30th, 1941

RECEIPTS

To Balance in Bank, May 1, 1940 \$ 3,290.42
 Receipts from Lodges 16,881.32

DISBURSEMENTS

By Salaries	\$ 4,907.50
Printing	1,305.69
Rent	1,140.00
Postage and Express	313.33
Office Supplies	78.18
Janitor Service	144.00
Telephones and Telegrams	160.84
Insurance	40.50
Grand Lodge Bulletin	9.29
Exchange	57.35
General Expense	59.16
	\$ 8,215.84
By Travelling Expenses:	
Grand Master, 1939-40	\$ 46.00
Grand Master, 1940-41	800.00
Grand Officers	329.20
	1,175.20
By Grand Lodge Expenses:	
Annual Communication, Edmonton \$	343.30
Presentation Regalia	197.98
Grand Master's Defence Fund	207.04
	748.32
By Regalia for resale	\$ 452.04
Books & Stationery for resale	732.87
	1,184.91
By Transfers: Relief Fund	\$ 4,115.50
Benevolent Fund	152.00
	4,267.50
By Regalia for Grand Lodge Officers	\$ 85.13
Furniture & Fixtures, Typewriter	102.00
	187.13
By Balance in the Bank of Nova Scotia	4,392.84
	\$ 20,171.74

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For 12 Months ended April 30th, 1941

Budget

\$ 8,200.00	By Membership Fees	\$ 8,184.80
500.00	Initiation Fees	582.00
700.00	Certificate Fees	760.00
140.00	Dispensations	128.00
	Life Membership Fees	79.26
	Supplies Sold	1,491.32
	Regalia Sales	499.70
125.00	Affiliation Fees	119.00
	Sundries	5.00
<u>\$ 9,665.00</u>		<u>\$11,849.08</u>
	TO COST OF SUPPLIES SOLD:	
	Inventory, May 1, 1940	\$1,899.30
	Purchases	732.87
		<u>\$2,632.17</u>
	Less Inventory April 30, 1941	1,503.25
		<u>\$1,128.92</u>
	To Cost of Regalia Sold	452.04
	TO OFFICE EXPENSES:	
\$ 5,050.00	Salaries	\$4,907.50
1,140.00	Rent and Light	1,140.00
130.00	Telephone and Telegrams	160.84
350.00	Postage and Express	313.33
150.00	Janitor Service	144.00
75.00	Office Supplies	104.40
50.00	Exchange	49.55
140.00	General Expense	59.16
		<u>6,878.78</u>
1,250.00	To Printing	\$1,305.69
40.50	Insurance	40.50
75.00	Grand Lodge Bulletin	9.29
		<u>1,355.48</u>
	To Travelling Expenses:	
	Grand Master 1939-40	\$ 46.00
800.00	Grand Master 1940-41	800.00
400.00	Grand Officers	329.20
		<u>1,175.20</u>
	TO GRAND LODGE EXPENSE:	
350.00	Annual Communication	\$ 343.30
200.00	Presentation Regalia	197.98
	Grand Master's Defence Fund	207.04
		<u>748.32</u>
	TO DEPRECIATION:	
	Furniture and Fixtures	158.37
	Regalia	90.60
		<u>248.97</u>
<u>\$10,200.50</u>		<u>\$11,987.71</u>
1,000.00	Less Allowance from Relief Fund	1,000.00
		<u>\$10,987.71</u>
<u>\$ 9,200.50</u>	Excess of Income over Expenditure	<u>\$ 861.37</u>

GRAND LODGE OF ALBERTA, A.F. & A.M.
BENEVOLENT FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

April 30th, 1941

	<i>Rate of Interest</i>	<i>Par Value</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Annual Interest</i>	<i>Accrued Interest</i>
Dominion of Canada:					
March 15 (Perpetual)	3 %	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 18,096.25	\$ 570.00	\$ 71.84
March 15 (Perpetual)	3 %	5,000.00	4,668.75	150.00	93.90
		\$ 24,000.00	\$ 22,765.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 165.74
Province of Alberta:					
January 1st, 1948	5 %	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,300.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 82.19
October 15th, 1954	4½ %	14,000.00	12,545.00	292.50	36.86
October 1st, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,062.50	112.50	18.80
October 1st, 1958	4½ %	2,000.00	1,787.60	45.00	7.52
May 1st, 1960	4½ %	5,000.00	3,912.50	112.50	56.25
June 1st, 1967	4½ %	24,000.00	23,734.70	540.00	224.88
May 1st, 1960	4½ %	500.00	480.00	11.25	5.62
September 1st, 1955	5 %	38,500.00	37,710.75	962.50	160.85
September 1st, 1955	5 %	23,000.00	21,390.00	575.00	96.10
		\$121,000.00	\$115,923.05	\$2,901.25	\$ 689.07
City of Calgary:					
January 1st, 1962	4½ %	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 31,342.22	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 596.71
City of Edmonton:					
February 1st, 1967	4½ %	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 19,098.00	\$ 855.00	\$ 208.48
TOTAL.....		\$204,000.00	\$189,128.27	\$6,276.25	\$1,660.00

RELIEF FUND INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Dominion of Canada:					
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,937.50	\$ 225.00	\$ 112.50
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	2,500.00	2,466.25	112.50	56.25
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,040.00	225.00	112.50
November 1st, 1956	4½ %	5,000.00	5,487.50	225.00	112.50
		\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,931.25	\$ 787.50	\$ 393.75

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Jas. Murray (16), seconded by R. W. Bro. LeRoy W. Bond (137), "That the report of the Grand Secretary, except that of the Financial Statement, be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report, and the Financial Statement, including the Auditor's Report be referred to the Committee on Finance."

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Board of Benevolence beg to present the twenty-second annual report on benevolence.

*"True worth is not shown by apparel,
Nor shown in golden gain.
It is shown in the soul of a man who lives
To lighten a brother's pain.
It is the giving of service for service,
The labor for love, not gain;
That lifts a man from the common sod
To the realm which is love's domain."*

In such a spirit your Board of Benevolence have endeavored to carry out the trust imposed upon them during the past year. It has been our privilege to serve the brethren of this Jurisdiction in administering to the relief of want and distress amongst those of our membership or their dependents who are in need, but are unable to cope with their circumstances without aid. Distress arises from many causes; illness often of a chronic character will so deplete resources that the sufferer can no longer meet the expense. Accidents, such as a fire which destroys a home and its contents, sometimes with injury more or less serious to the occupants, and then there is death, which may mean the removal of the bread winner and consequent privation to those left behind. In short, we have at one time or another, all of these things to deal with, and in so many and varied kinds of cases there must be careful and competent examination or all the circumstances. We have been fortunate on the whole in obtaining experienced investigators, particularly in cases far removed from the jurisdiction. Even so, we may have erred in our judgment here and there and given assistance where it was unworthy, but it is better that this be our fault than that some needy soul should be neglected.

Your Board have fifty-six beneficiaries, and in many cases these are families, under their care at the present time. During the past year ten new applications for assistance were received and all were promptly and efficiently taken care of. In the same period twelve cases were dropped, some because of death and the others were able to take care of themselves.

Where a beneficiary reaches the age that the Old Age Pension can be obtained, he is strongly urged to apply for the same and in such cases, where it is needed, every assistance is given to enable the applicant to complete the necessary papers. Our thanks are due to members of the Provincial Board of Pensions for their co-operation.

Soon after the last communication of our Grand Lodge the call came for help in placing children from Great Britain. Your Board counted it a privilege to have a part in this great work, but circumstances made it impossible for the British Government to carry out their plan. Nevertheless, we wish to express our admiration for those who so willingly offered to take one or more children into their homes and care for them as their own for the duration. No less than fifty-five applications were received in the Grand Lodge office for 75 children. These applications were made on the forms provided by Grand Lodge, and as well as the official Government form, so that children when sent out could be properly taken care of. The receipt of these applications goes to show that when an opportunity for real service presents itself, the Masons of Alberta are not slow in rising to the occasion. All the expenses in connection with the organization of this attempt to help were borne by the Relief Fund.

This Board endeavors to function in the best interests of Masonry, but at no time will it permit undue advantage to be taken by those requesting assistance. However, at all times the Board freely and cheerfully accepts full responsibility where its rules and regulations are complied with. A few years ago assistance was granted to enable a brother to send his son to hospital for treatment, he having some years previously met with an accident which injured the bone. The treatment appeared to be successful and the boy returned home as cured, but after some time the same condition returned elsewhere and instead of the lodge or the parents communicating with the Board, he was placed in a local hospital for medical attention. He was there for some months when bills amounting to a large sum were referred to the Board for payment. This responsibility was declined on the ground that we should have been informed of the necessity for further treatment when the trouble arose as it was felt we could have had this done at much less expense where he had been treated before. The suggestion is made that the Board undertook the cure of the boy and failed to measure up to their responsibility, which we deny. In short, the Board once again wishes to emphasize that it cannot and will not accept responsibility for any bills of which it has not previous knowledge.

Every effort is made to keep secret the names of our beneficiaries, but sometimes these become known to members and they learn of conditions affecting recipients of our relief. Instead of communicating with the Board or through their lodge to the Board, some seem to prefer to broadcast their criticisms to any who will listen, thus bringing discredit on the Board and Grand Lodge; whereas they at all times should remember that this Board is functioning on their behalf and its members are always glad, in fact anxious, to receive suggestions affecting any of its cases.

During the fiscal period of 1940-41 the sum of \$10,331.67 was disbursed by the Board in relief. While this is somewhat less than the amount expended in previous years, such reduction cannot be expected to continue, as fluctuations in relief expenditures depend so much on circumstances over which there is no control.

In September last the President of the Board had the privilege of meeting with the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of British

Columbia and discussing with them problems of relief common to both. Our thanks are extended to the M. W. the Grand Master for the opportunity of participating in this conference held at Banff.

Fraternally submitted,

WM. IRELAND,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. W. Ireland (9), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the report of the Board of Benevolence be received and adopted."

BENEFICIARIES OF GRAND LODGE

May 1st, 1940, to April 30th, 1941

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. A. A.	\$120.00	Bro. P. F.	135.00
Mrs. E. P. A.	300.00	Bro. P. F. (property) . .	336.89
Mrs. W. A. A.	180.00	Mrs. E. V. F.	70.00
Mrs. T. W. B.	240.00	Mrs. J. F.	60.00
Bro. T. B.	30.00	Mrs. L. M. F.	120.00
Mrs. C. C. B.	30.00	Mrs. W. A. G.	125.00
Mrs. S. E. B.	156.93	Mrs. G. J. G.	60.00
Mrs. C. B.	180.00	Mrs. G. E. G.	150.00
Mrs. J. A. B.	110.00	Bro. A. G. G.	300.00
Bro. L. D. B.	30.00	Bro. J. H. G.	180.00
Mrs. C. C.	150.00	Mrs. R. G.	65.00
Mrs. A. B. C.	135.24	Mrs. J. A. G.	60.00
Bro. J. D.	180.00	Mrs. S. H.	105.00
Mrs. E. C. D.	180.00	Mrs. W. S. H.	160.00
Mrs. M. D.	120.00	Bro. H. B. H.	135.00
Bro. F. H. D.	710.00	Bro. S. J. H.	25.00
Mrs. J. H. D.	125.00	Mrs. W. B. K.	290.00
Mrs. W. D.	60.00	Mrs. F. E. L.	90.00
Mrs. E. D.	90.00	Miss L. L.	10.00
Mrs. E. D.	120.00	Mrs. A. L.	245.00
Mrs. J. D.	120.00	Mrs. L. E. M.	120.00
Mrs. W. E.	60.00	Mrs. W. A. M.	75.00
Bro. F. A. E.	54.96	Mrs. A. M.	22.50
Mrs. A. F.	120.00	Mrs. E. M.	27.84
Mrs. E. J. F.	60.00	Mrs. E. M.	125.00
Bro. F. W. F.	75.00	Mrs. D. M.	60.00

<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Beneficiary</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. H. G. N.....	60.00	Mrs. W. J. T.....	240.00
Mrs. G. N.....	90.00	Bro. J. A. W.....	25.00
Bro. P. P.....	44.98	Mrs. M. W.....	150.00
Mrs. M. P.....	70.00	Mrs. E. W.....	97.47
Mrs. A. P.....	30.00	W. family.....	120.00
Mrs. M. J. P.....	50.00	Bro. A. G. W.....	60.00
Mrs. E. R.....	10.00	Mrs. W. W.....	90.00
Mrs. M. A. C. R.....	433.26	Bro. R. W.....	153.60
Mrs. C. R. R.....	90.00	Mrs. W. W.....	90.00
Mrs. D. R. R.....	10.00	Bro. A. W.....	120.00
Mrs. C. S.....	210.00	Sundry Grants.....	283.00
S. family.....	190.00		
Bro. D. S.....	50.00	Total Grants.....	\$10,331.67
Bro. A. G. S.....	180.00	Less Contributions from	
Mrs. J. S.....	10.00	lodges for their bene-	
Mrs. T. S.....	35.00	ficiaries.....	654.85
Mrs. S. S.....	180.00		
Bro. R. H. S.....	80.00	Total Grants by	
Bro. C. O. S.....	180.00	Grand Lodge.....	\$ 9,676.82
Mrs. A. T.....	10.00		

RECESS

The Grand Master declared a recess for ten minutes, reminding the brethren to deposit their ballots before 4:00 p.m. Grand Lodge resumed at 3:55 p.m.

W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, Past Senior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Japan, English Constitution, in a few words presented greetings from that Body, of which he had been for several years a member.

BALLOT CLOSED

At 4:00 o'clock the Grand Master declared the Ballot closed and the following Scrutineers, appointed by the Grand Master, were requested to retire and report the results at the morning session: R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse, Chairman; M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank, M. W. Bro. J. Martland, R. W. Bro. J. Paterson, R. W. Bro. G. L. Depue, R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull and R. W. Bro. E. A. Shaw.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Regular meetings of this committee were held and all matters in connection with the business operation of Grand Lodge were given careful consideration. The members of the committee were diligent in attending.

Again we still have to record a net decrease in membership, of 75. However this is less than last year, which was the smallest reported in many years.

The financial standing of the lodges appears to be on the whole satisfactory. At the close of the financial year five lodges were in arrears for dues, but since that time three have paid in full.

The system of budgeting for the expenses of Grand Lodge, adopted two years ago, continues to be satisfactory and we are pleased to note that after the allowance from the Relief Fund a net surplus is shown of \$861.39.

Your auditor has regularly examined the books and accounts and audited the same. His report and financial statements covering a period of twelve months are in your hands.

All securities of Grand Lodge have been regularly inspected at the Bank and there has been no change in the investments during the year.

Last year we brought to your attention the grave conditions existing nationally and internationally, at which time we recommended that the Craft as a whole practise the greatest economy and avoid any unnecessary expense, which would involve Grand Lodge in additional outlay. It is the opinion of your committee that conditions the world over will steadily deteriorate and therefore our resources must be carefully conserved against unusual demands which may be made.

Wright Estate: This estate of one of the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge which had been operating for some years was closed out during the year, and the sum of \$2,883.46 was received, which was deposited in the Relief Fund and will be used for further relief.

Broadhead Estate: The liability on the estate of a beneficiary of \$171.00, shown in the Relief Fund, represents monies received from this estate which are still to be disbursed.

The Winn Estate: During the year a legacy of \$100.00 from this estate was received and accepted under the terms of the will. This has been invested in a Dominion Government Bond, as a special Trust Account.

Recommendations

The contract for printing the 1941 Proceedings has been awarded to the Albertan Job Press, at the same quotation as in previous years. It has been noted for some years past by various Grand Officers that the Proceedings do not circulate amongst the members of our lodges as they should. In fact, it is commonplace to hear surprise expressed by members when their attention is drawn to the fact that Grand Lodge publishes an annual report, covering the entire activities of Grand Lodge for the year. It is therefore recommended that 800 copies be printed, but that one copy only be sent to each lodge this year and that further copies, not exceeding two, be mailed on request.

We recommend that R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland be appointed auditor for the current year and that he be paid the sum of \$300.00 for his services during the past year.

We recommend that the Grand Tyler be paid the sum of \$20.00 and his travelling expenses for his services at this communication of Grand Lodge.

A budget has been prepared for the ensuing year for the twelve months ending April 30th, 1942, and is presented herewith with the recommendation of the committee that it be adopted.

Fraternally submitted,

A. D. CUMMING,

Chairman.

BUDGET, 1941-42

REVENUE

Membership fees	\$ 8,100.00
Initiation fees	500.00
Certificate fees	700.00
Dispensations	125.00
Affiliation fees	100.00
Allowance from Relief Fund	1,000.00
	\$10,525.00

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$ 5,050.00
Rent	1,140.00
Telephones and Telegrams	150.00
Postage and Express	350.00
Janitor Service	150.00
Office Supplies	100.00
Exchange	50.00
Printing	1,450.00
Insurance	5.00

Research and Education and G. L. Bulletin.....	25.00
Grand Master's Expense.....	800.00
Grand Master's Expense over Budget for 1940-41....	225.00
Grand Officer's Expense.....	400.00
Annual Communication, Calgary.....	350.00
Miscellaneous Expense.....	100.00
Presentation Regalia.....	200.00
Grand Lodge Regalia replacements.....	300.00
	\$10,845.00

Budget Deficit (Estimated)—\$320.00

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134), seconded by V. W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83), "That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on the Condition of Masonry respectfully submits the following for your consideration.

This report must of necessity reflect the attitude of our several Districts, our lodges comprising those Districts, and finally the individual Mason, since it is based on the reports of the D.D.G.M.'s and lodge Secretaries.

To progress or retrogress is after all the responsibility of the individual Mason and we would urge that each of our members approach with the utmost candor the question as to whether or not we are shouldering, as Masons should, the added obligations and responsibilities which the deplorable world wide conditions have thrust upon us.

After careful perusal of the different reports submitted by your D.D.G.M.'s, your committee must express its appreciation for the real and untiring energy displayed by these officers while acting as your representative during the year.

It is regrettable, however, that as in past years, two D.D.G.M.'s were compelled to send in incomplete returns stating the necessary information had not been forwarded by lodge Secretaries. An efficient and experienced Secretary is definitely the backbone of any lodge and we commend those Past Masters, in some instances P.D.D.G.M.'s

(and in a few instances even P.G.M.'s) who have cheerfully assumed the onerous duties of Secretary of their lodges, quite often over a period of many years. To those who have been delinquent in the past, we would point out that not only the efficiency, but the well being of their lodges is impaired through their neglect.

It is encouraging to note that your D.D.G.M.'s have expressed themselves, without exception, as gratified at the honor bestowed on them as your representative and that they were received on all official visits in a manner befitting their exalted rank.

Membership

Our constituent lodges now number 151, a decrease of three from the previous year, Melrose Lodge No. 139 of Daysland having amalgamated with Coal Lodge No. 62, Bawlf, at which ceremony we are pleased to note you, M. W. Sir, attended at considerable sacrifice, but your visit will undoubtedly furnish the brethren of both lodges with added zest to work together to achieve higher and nobler objectives.

Rosebud Lodge No. 149 and Victory Lodge No. 112 both surrendered their charters through restricted membership. Your committee trust that all active members from both lodges have now found new homes in which they may carry on uninterrupted, the practice of our glorious principles.

It has been necessary for the past several years to report a decrease in our membership but your committee were hopeful that seeing our decrease at the end of December 31, 1939, was down to the low figure of 82 (see Grand Secretary's Report) that we would at least hold our membership without decline.

Total Membership at Dec., 1939, was 10,821—at

Dec., 1940—10,746, a decrease of 75.

The increase for the year is shown at 515 compared with 558 in 1939, the decrease 590 compared with 640 the previous year.

While there were fewer initiations it is gratifying to state our reinstatements increased. Dimissions were slightly lower and suspensions were less by 54. It should also be mentioned that our membership has been adversely affected by charter surrender to the extent of 14 (see Grand Sec. report) and we would urge, that the incoming D.D.G.M.'s in the districts concerned will see to it that the brethren affected by such surrenders be contacted immediately by the nearest lodge in order that these unfortunate members be brought back into active membership without further delay.

There is every possibility that our initiations will be affected by the fact that many prospective candidates will be leaving in the near future, or have already left, for Overseas Service.

We are again desirous of reiterating the suggestion made on many former occasions that the Master of each lodge form a small committee to keep contact with those of their number who have already left for Overseas Service. A frequent letter from this committee to these members we know would be greatly appreciated and where circumstances warrant, smokes and other articles that they can use would, we are quite sure, be appreciated. Let those of our members now on

Active Service realize to the full they have real friends in their home lodges so that when they return they will without question take their usual place in the lodge activities.

We would strongly recommend that special attention be given by the officers of our lodges to procure as many reinstatements as possible as well as co-operating to the fullest possible extent with those of our members who are liable to become suspended from N.P.D. With a real effort by all in this direction your committee is hopeful we can show at least a small increase in membership at the end of another year.

Your committee desires once again to caution the lodges on Life Membership and while it must be admitted that the majority of the lodges have been very judicious in making Life Members, yet we note there are several who in our estimation have more than passed the danger mark in this respect. One lodge reports a third of its members have been made Life Members. Unfortunately the lodges jeopardizing their financial status in Life Members are those who can least afford to do so.

Attendance

From the many recommendations made by previous Committees on the Condition of Masonry in past years, your committee was lead to hope that this year we would experience a decided improvement in regard to attendance. Unfortunately this is not the case, for after a very close study of the statistics received it appears that the average attendance of resident members has definitely declined. We are of the opinion that we have all been apt to do a lot of wishful thinking in regard to improving our attendance at stated meetings and it is earnestly suggested that the principal officers of all lodges give this matter their immediate attention.

We further note that in quite a few instances several of the principal officers of lodges were absent when D.D.G.M.'s made official visits. Furthermore, mention should be made that in nearly all instances special notices were sent by D.D.G.M.'s advising of official visits.

In some of the reports of our D.D.G.M.'s one suggestion made is that lodges need new blood in which to stimulate interest. Surely if interest is lacking from the members now in the lodge your committee cannot conceive how any number of initiates could stimulate interest or enthusiasm. The responsibility is definitely ours and no stone must be left unturned in improving the situation during the coming year.

Members who have been non-attenders for a period of time should be immediately canvassed by their lodges and given the assurance that their time will be well spent if they only decide to once again grace their lodges with their presence. It is suggested wherever possible the principal officers draw up a three or a six month agenda and even if no degrees are conferred the membership will be cognizant beforehand that if they attend their time will be more than well spent.

Work

It is most apparent from the eloquent tributes paid to all lodges by their D.D.G.M.'s who witnessed degrees that the work is of an exceedingly high caliber. It is gratifying to note the similarity of all

reports in the above regard and we trust this high standard will be maintained throughout the coming year.

Let it be remembered, however, that the Ritual is only the stepping stone to a broader Masonic education. This is especially true of one who feels he has reached the acme of perfection by memorizing and repeating, quite often in a most impressive manner, just so many words. A fuller appreciation of the meaning and interpretation of these words would undoubtedly open up a new vista in our Masonic outlook. While our Ritual is exceedingly beautiful in its phraseology and is intended for our rule and guide, it must not be overlooked that the ideals, principles, and a proper co-ordination of life are the life blood of our Fraternity and a definite need in the world at large today.

It is noted with pleasure that special nights and fraternal visitations are on the increase and should definitely act as a stimulous for the achievement of higher objectives and we strongly recommend the continuance of these special occasions.

We again add our word of sincere tribute to M. W. Bro. Mitchell in his splendid work as editor of the *Bulletin* and while the circulation has increased considerably we note that several lodges who appear to have ample time are not reading excerpts of the *Bulletin* in lodge. Many splendid messages are conveyed through this medium to the Craft and there is ample scope in the messages of our *Bulletin* to furnish a fund of subject matter for many interesting, educational and beneficial discussions.

District Meetings

From observations from some of the members of your committee, as well as reports received from D.D.G.M.'s, we can definitely assert that the District Meetings are becoming increasingly popular and beneficial to all members of our Craft and more than justify any effort or sacrifice that has to be made in arranging these meetings and attending same. It is suggested to the incoming D.D.G.M.'s that a great amount of thought be expended in arranging the programmes for the coming year. A meeting of this kind should be fully discussed with P.D.D.G.M.'s, as well as principal officers of a lodge and we are quite certain that the fullest co-operation will be given by those aforementioned in arranging a programme that would be a Masonic inspiration to all who attend.

It must be pointed out that there is a danger of insufficient time being spent in the drafting of programmes for these meetings and if we continue with a programme that becomes more or less stereotyped the brethren are liable to lose interest. These meetings should, and can be, a definite inspiration and should be instrumental in lifting our Craft to the higher planes of Masonic service.

Masonry, as in other walks of life, will demand for the next few years the highest type of leadership and due consideration should be given in this respect when new Deputies are elected at the forthcoming District Meetings.

Finances

The financial status of the lodges in your Jurisdiction we are happy to report still shows marked improvement. While the figures submitted covering the net worth of our lodges (see Statistical Tab. appended)

show a slight decline, this may to a great extent be due to a number of lodges taking adequate depreciation on their property and regalia as per the recommendation of previous committees. A few lodges, however, are far from being liquid and it seems that the officers or members give little or no thought to rectify their shortcomings in the above regard.

Financial worries are undoubtedly responsible in some of our lodges for the non-achievement of the higher and nobler duties of our Fraternity. May we again reiterate that no lodge is too small or too large to draft a budget of approximate receipts and expenditures and, if this is drafted sanely, with proper and careful management, we are confident that this procedure will go a long way in solving a majority of the vexing financial problems some of our lodges have to cope with, unfortunately in many instances to the exclusion of very much more important work.

We note with gratification that outstanding dues have declined during the past year approximately \$8,000.00, this undoubtedly being the result of a determined effort on the part of Masters and Secretaries to improve this situation for which your committee extends its commendation.

With a continuance of the above effort during the coming year we are led to hope that even greater progress can be reported at our next Grand Lodge Communication.

It would appear after carefully checking the reports that there is an increase in the number of lodges who have no affiliation fee, others charge \$1.00, while several collect Grand Lodge dues only. There is a nominal expense attached to affiliations over and above Grand Lodge dues and while we do not purpose suggesting a minimum affiliation fee we would strongly urge immediate consideration be given by the lodges referred to and this situation rectified.

By making reference to the appendix it will be observed that 63 lodges either own or jointly own their premises. The outstanding indebtedness on these buildings we are happy to state has been materially reduced during the year.

In this regard your committee mentions with pride and satisfaction those lodges who culminated concerted drives amongst their members to wipe out their indebtedness with special celebrations to burn their mortgage. We wish these lodges continued success and hope that many more will be able to hold similar functions throughout the coming year.

On the whole the insurance on buildings and regalia seems to be adequate although we feel in a few instances insufficient protection is being carried. Then again there is the odd lodge which has no insurance, in each case the lodges concerned are renting premises. Insurance protection is in our opinion just as essential where lodges rent as where they own premises. The amount to be covered in all cases is not large and the cost of adequate fire protection is, we believe, within the reach of all lodges concerned. Therefore we urge that favorable consideration be given to this matter.

Benevolence

We are pleased to relate that the distinguishing characteristic of a Mason's heart has once again been abundantly exemplified by all our lodges. While the majority have furnished information and

figures, still there are some who prefer to allow the disbursing of benevolences to be left with the principal officers of their lodge. The figures furnished are of necessity incomplete, but those reporting show a total of \$11,465.69 exclusive of fees to Grand Lodge Relief Fund. While this figure is somewhat lower than last year's total yet we are confident that those of our members who suffered sickness and misfortune of a temporary nature were well taken care of by their lodges and we congratulate them for the continued practice of this virtue.

We do not believe it is necessary to again draw the attention of the brethren to the wonderful work which our Grand Lodge Board of Benevolence is accomplishing and all cases recommended to the Board by our lodges have received its sympathetic consideration and been assisted to the fullest extent that the circumstances may have warranted.

It must be gratifying to you, M. W. Sir, as it is to your committee, that the brethren responded in a noble manner to two special appeals which it was necessary for you to make. It is unfortunate that the British Government deemed it advisable to cancel the plan of evacuating children to Canada from the British Isles as many of our brethren offered their homes and assistance in no uncertain manner and if at a later date the plan should be reinstated we are pleased to advise you the machinery, insofar as Grand Lodge is concerned, is ready to operate again at very short notice.

Your own Grand Master's Fund in most districts was received with the greatest enthusiasm and while we were somewhat tardy in commencing our operations, once the brethren realized the urgency of your appeal they responded with true Masonic fervor.

We would draw to the attention of our brethren that Masonry today means sacrificial service and we would request that the brethren continue in an increasing manner to practice in a true sense our fundamental principles of charity on any future appeals that it may be necessary to make, even though the demands for material assistance from other sources are rapidly increasing.

General

It is again noted and with sincere regret that insufficient attention is being given to Historical Registers. It is our opinion that this is one matter to which particular attention should be given by all Masters, Secretaries and Registrars. This book should contain the history of a lodge from its inception and if we have performed our duty as true Masons we of necessity should be proud to have our performances recorded.

It is noted from the D.D.G.M.'s reports that some registers have not been written up for some two or three years but the principal officers promise to have these records brought up to date immediately. Candidly, we cannot conceive just how a thorough job can be accomplished by trusting to one's memory and we would recommend that Registrars be instructed to bring their records to a current basis, then make a point of writing up the highlights of all meetings as these transpire.

We must of necessity again mention that the necessary entries are not being made in the Black Book of several lodges. Furthermore, we note that several lodges have no Black Book in their records. We

would again urge where Black Books are non-existent these be procured immediately and where entries have been neglected that these be brought up-to-date forthwith.

Your committee mentions with a great degree of pride and pleasure, M. W. Sir, the peace, harmony and tranquility which this Grand Jurisdiction has enjoyed throughout your year of office and we trust that this condition may continue to flourish, for where unanimity and concord prevail the better we shall be enabled to accomplish the duties of our Craft and discharge in a more virile manner the obligations we are voluntarily assuming.

Conclusion

As war conditions become increasingly difficult and deplorable so must our responsibility as Masons become increasingly heavier. The Masonic lights of Europe have one by one been extinguished and Masonry in the Democracies is now left to point the way to a newer, nobler and higher standard of life after victory is achieved and the new way of life commences to function.

We would sincerely recommend that the sights for our Masonic objectives be elevated so that our aims in this Grand Jurisdiction will be consistently higher and our achievements have a far more reaching effect.

We are gratified to note that almost without exception your D.D.G.M.'s have carried out the duties of their office in a most conscientious and zealous manner and in recognition of their services during the past year to our Grand Jurisdiction we cheerfully and unanimously recommend that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred on the following:

District No. 1	R. W. Bro. Geo. A. Guthrie (118)
District No. 2	R. W. Bro. H. H. Beeber (55)
District No. 3	R. W. Bro. Robt. M. Coote (34)
District No. 4	R. W. Bro. James Murray (16)
District No. 5	R. W. Bro. Wm. G. Fox (61)
District No. 6	R. W. Bro. Thos. H. Hagerman (33)
District No. 7	R. W. Bro. F. A. Bartram (100)
District No. 8	R. W. Bro. Norman J. Grier (3)
District No. 9	R. W. Bro. Jas. H. Ballentine (72)
District No. 10	R. W. Bro. Robt. E. Harrison (94)
District No. 11	R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Depue (84)
District No. 12	R. W. Bro. John Paterson (77)
District No. 13	R. W. Bro. Jas. F. Kyle (147)
District No. 14	R. W. Bro. Ira D. Barton (82)
District No. 15	R. W. Percy Hallam (137)
District No. 16	R. W. Bro. Alfred L. Williams (152)
District No. 17	R. W. Bro. Irving E. Neil (97)

Fraternally submitted,

GEO F. ELLIS,

Chairman.

Statistical Report on the Condition of Masonry

Dist. No.	Liquid Assets (Cash Bonds)	Liabili- ties	Total Assets over Liabilities	Own or jointly own Hall	Total of all Arrearages	Paid for Relief (Excl. of fees to G.L.)	Insurance in Force
1	\$ 29,750.79	\$28,097.78	\$144,436.37	16	\$ 4,536.55	\$ 4,446.59	\$ 51,625.00
2	12,796.33	771.52	27,002.84	2	1,102.00	1,130.41	15,350.00
3	29,860.32	10,305.58	79,392.64	2	1,920.70	1,496.25	16,800.00
4	16,291.55	6,937.88	30,393.66	5	1,811.54	795.05	21,800.00
5	11,062.32	1,425.03	9,637.29	2	1,418.90	210.00	7,235.00
6	1,100.30	1,821.99	29,755.56	4	1,662.50	150.00	17,800.00
7	14,037.79	556.37	20,571.04	2	1,112.77	680.00	7,253.74
8	5,602.36	820.77	18,857.54	2	1,011.30	369.81	11,140.00
9	3,356.60	6,692.91	13,439.48	4	712.50	63.60	13,300.00
10	26,159.86	1,007.09	43,062.60	4	2,817.50	494.02	16,825.00
11	3,895.36	1,263.21	8,553.93	1	867.00	62.50	2,050.00
12	24,277.96	1,509.55	32,037.08	1	3,291.50	656.76	6,550.00
13	3,644.77	532.83	15,421.21	4	1,129.25	319.45	9,695.00
14	2,977.03	1,144.78	9,788.27	2	898.75	75.00	5,950.00
15	2,156.39	2,957.99	9,666.42	4	1,063.65	84.05	7,750.00
16	5,434.57	320.72	22,307.74	4	824.80	219.20	13,250.00
17	2,502.63	1,150.35	8,849.80	4	541.00	213.00	9,800.00
	\$197,906.93	\$67,316.35	\$523,173.47	63	\$26,722.21	\$11,465.69	\$234,173.74

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A matter has been referred to this committee by the Grand Master, who asked for a clarification of Rulings of previous Grand Masters, numbered 6, 43 and 54, which do not appear to coincide.

Your committee has given these Rulings very earnest consideration and it would appear that there are two aspects to the rulings in question, viz., a Masonic one and one of jurisprudence. While the intent of Section 143 of the Constitution infers that a Master of a lodge must serve a full term of twelve months in order to qualify for the rank of Past Master, your committee is of the opinion that having been duly elected and installed and duly proclaimed in open lodge as Master for the ensuing term, he cannot be deprived of his rank and title by virtue

of his inability or otherwise to attend meetings. Your committee, therefore, brings in the following report:

While the committee is of the opinion that the election and installation of a Master of a lodge, with full knowledge that he will not be able to serve the constitutional term, seems contrary to the spirit of Section 143 of the Constitution, yet your committee is of the opinion that as a matter of Masonic Jurisprudence, if a Master has been elected and installed, he is entitled to the rank of Past Master, twelve months from the date of his installation, and when his successor has been duly elected and installed in his stead. Your committee therefore recommends that Grand Master's Rulings No. 43 and 54 and that portion of No. 6, viz., the last sentence, which has no bearing on the question asked, be omitted from the printed Proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. MOORE,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), seconded by M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), "That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE LOUISIANA

The Grand Master requested R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P.D.D. G.M., to approach the East, when he presented the R. W. Brother with the commission of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, as Grand Representative of that Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of Alberta. In congratulating him on his appointment, he said that it was with particular pleasure he had recommended him for this honour, because he had had personal knowledge of R. W. Bro. Jackson's devotion and fidelity to Freemasonry in Masonic District No. 4.

GREETINGS FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Grand Master then called on M. W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, who on rising was given a hearty reception by the brethren. He spoke as follows: "M. W. Sir and Brethren:

"I bring you greetings and fraternal good wishes from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. It is to me a matter of regret that this is the first time that a Grand Master has been able to visit your Grand Lodge from British Columbia, but I think you will agree with me that we have been well represented in the person of your venerable and beloved Grand Secretary, who has been our Grand Representative for many years. I am pleased to note the reference in your Grand Master's address to the conference held at Banff last summer between the representatives of your Grand Lodge and my own. We of British

Columbia received much benefit from the interchange of views and discussions held at that time and I bespeak your wholehearted co-operation for the inter-provincial conference which it is proposed to hold in Banff next fall. I am sure there is great need for a closer spirit of co-operation among the Grand Lodges of the West, not only from the fraternal angle, but that we may lay the foundation for the readjustments that will be necessary after this titanic struggle is finished.

"We of British Columbia are deeply indebted to your Grand Master and to the lodges of the Peace River for the kindly and fraternal interest they show to the one lodge of our Jurisdiction that borders on that district.

"I congratulate you on the excellent showing you have made in your contributions to your Grand Master's Defence Fund. In the winning of the war we have sacrifices to make, and in the months to come it may be that we shall be called upon to make sacrifices more often and greater than ever known before, but I am confident that the Masons of Alberta and throughout Canada will rise to the occasion and accept their responsibility to the full, giving relief and succor to their brethren in war torn Britain.

"Now I was told that I was to be brief and I mean to obey that injunction, but I must thank you most heartily for the very enthusiastic reception you have given me and the Grand Lodge I represent and I want to express my personal thanks to your Grand Master for his kindly interest in me and I shall cherish the fondest memories of our association together as Grand Masters of our respective Grand Lodges during this term of office. From the bottom of my heart brethren, I thank you, and wish you every success in your Masonic endeavours." (Applause.)

The Grand Master thanked M. W. Bro. Simpson for his kindly references to this Grand Lodge and to himself and assured him that at all times there would be the heartiest fraternal co-operation extended by the Grand Lodge of Alberta and its officers to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has considered the charge presented by a lodge against a brother who was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by the Supreme Criminal Court, Edmonton, on March 29th, 1940, for indecent assault. This brother was tried by the brethren of his lodge and found guilty of unmasonic conduct, and sentenced to indefinite

suspension. The sentence was agreed to unanimously. He had only received his first degree.

We recommend that the findings of the lodge be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

G. A. GUTHRIE,

Acting Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. G. A. Guthrie (118), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), "That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee has duly considered the Grand Secretary's Report and reports as follows:

The work of the Grand Lodge Office appears to have been carried out with that efficiency which we have learned to anticipate from our Grand Secretary, and, in the first instance we compliment him on his continued energetic pursuance of his duties.

From the records it is interesting to note that, while total membership has decreased during the year, the annual decrease is still becoming less. The number of dimits and suspensions are still heavy but it is to be noted that they have been proportionately decreased, while there is an increase in reinstatements, which is an encouraging sign.

It is regrettable to note that some lodge Secretaries still fail to comply with some regulations, causing extra work in the Grand Lodge Office. This, of course, is done unintentionally, and your committee again recommends to all Secretaries the necessity of co-operating to the fullest extent.

The remarks on Life Membership are of interest and should be carefully considered by all lodges.

The work in connection with Evacuee Children and the Grand Master's War Defence Fund has imposed heavier duties on the Grand Lodge Office, and your committee trusts that adequate assistance

will be available to prevent the possibility of overtaking our Grand Secretary.

Your committee is pleased to note that the Grand Secretary was able to find time to attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan with the M. W. Grand Master, and suggests that exchange of views with the Grand Secretaries of sister Grand Lodges can only be of advantage to all.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

G. E. CRUICKSHANK, Chairman.
F. V. TRUESDALE,
J. PATERSON,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Secretary's Report be received and adopted."

REPORT OF THE GRAND LIBRARIAN

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

As Grand Librarian I beg to report that there is not much change in the Grand Lodge Library. No new books have been purchased during the year, but we have received a few donations: "The History and Antiquities of Freemasonry" by George F. Fort, published in 1889 and presented by V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis. An autographed copy of "Masonic Insight" by R. W. Bro. A. G. R. Bond, presented by the author; and thirteen volumes of an exhaustive work on Egyptian Archeology, Traditions and Philosophy. These volumes, which were published in London, are by a well known Egyptologist, Maspero, and other writers, are bound in half calf and in excellent condition. They were donated by our Grand Registrar, R. W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery, and constitute a valuable addition to our library.

The thanks of Grand Lodge are due for these gifts.

We have now arrived at a time when some decision should be made as to copies of Proceedings which we have received from other Jurisdictions since the formation of our Grand Lodge. Our shelves are now filled almost to capacity and some direction from Grand Lodge is required as to what disposition can be made regarding them. In addition to this problem, there is a large quantity of our own Proceedings which have accumulated during the years. These can no longer be kept as they take up valuable room and there does not appear to be any demand for them. It will be noted from the report of the

Finance Committee that 800 copies will be printed this year, and they recommend that only one copy be mailed each lodge instead of the customary three, so that after this year it may be found that 500 or even less might be sufficient.

The circulating library has not been added to for some years, nor does there appear to be much demand for the loan of these books, and almost invariably there is trouble in having them returned when requested.

It is recommended that a clearance be made of all superfluous Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS,

Grand Librarian.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. S. Jeffery (59), "That the report of the Grand Librarian be received and referred to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MASONIC RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Two years ago this committee reported that but little use was being made of its services. It can be said now that requests for service or information have practically disappeared altogether, for during the year last past no single request was received.

When the full report was made two years ago, the committee was faced with the alternative of publishing information among the brethren at considerable expense, well knowing that a large part of it would remain unused, or that of waiting until specific service or information was requested and then endeavoring to meet the demand. The net result over three years is that the committee seems to have saved some money by refraining from publishing apparently unwanted material, confirmed by the fact that no material has been asked for!

Certain information, in limited form, has been supplied in the *Bulletin* and, failing specific direction to the contrary, your committee is of the opinion that the course followed for the last three years should be continued, at least for the duration of the war.

"Grand Lodge Bulletin"

The sixth volume of this modest publication is now complete, and the statistics available indicate that the interest of the brethren has not diminished.

	1940	1941
Circulation....	2,350	2,700
Cost (gross).....	\$422.21	\$452.94
Revenue.....	\$310.58	\$391.02
Cost to Grand Lodge (net).....	\$111.63	\$ 61.92

In these figures, "cost" means the cost of printing and mailing only, no addition being made for services. Eighty-one lodges are now subscribing for from one to 150 copies, over and above the three sent to every lodge.

One of the deficiencies of the *Bulletin* is the very limited space. This can be remedied to a small extent by the use of a smaller type face, or to a greater extent by doubling the size of the *Bulletin* to eight pages. Either course will increase the expense of publication, the latter, just over doubling the present expense, and with increased costs circulation would probably drop.

Your committee believes, however, that if Grand Lodge is to take any real interest in Masonic Education, it should give definite direction as regards future policy in publishing the *Bulletin*.

The Editor expresses his appreciation to brethren who have offered contributions to the *Bulletin*, and again extends particular thanks to R. W. Bro. A. E. Ottewell, P.G.R., for his annual series of sketches appearing throughout the year.

Grand Lodge Library

The Grand Librarian's report, referred as is customary to this committee, draws attention to the serious congestion in storage space in the Library. The Chairman of this committee inspected conditions with the Grand Lodge Librarian and confirms the situation reported.

Two courses seem open - either a drastic weeding out of reports, proceedings and similar documents which may have outlived their usefulness, or increased shelving and storage space.

Your committee favors the first alternative, but points out that some expense will be involved in the sorting and disposal process. It is therefore recommended that Grand Lodge budget the sum of seventy-five dollars to be used at the discretion of the Grand Librarian in rearranging the library stock and accommodations.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Booth (51), "That the report of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education be received and adopted."

It was also resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), seconded by R. W. Bro. W. H. Chappell (86), "That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell for the splendid work done by him in editing the *Bulletin* for the past year."

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

For the second year in succession your committee reports that no correspondence or documents requiring its attention have been referred during the year last past.

In the name of the Masons of this Jurisdiction, your committee extends fraternal sympathy to all brethren in countries where the light burns low, and expresses the earnest hope that soon they may be enabled to return to the humanitarian labors of free men.

Your committee recommends that the Annual Review of Proceedings of other Grand Jurisdictions, submitted with this report, be printed, as an appendix to the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,

Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77), seconded by R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23), "That the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence be received and adopted."

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at 5:00 o'clock p m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

A Banquet was held in the evening in the Temple Banquet Room, attended by over three hundred brethren. The Chairman was R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley, J.G.W., and after the loyal toast "The King and the Craft" was duly honored, the toast to the Grand Master and his Officers was proposed by W. Bro. A. W. Dingle, P.M. of Ashlar Lodge No. 28, and responded to by the M. W. the Grand Master.

The Address of the evening was given by W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, who was introduced by the Chairman as being initiated in Lodge Rising Sun No. 1401, Japan, E.C., where he resided for several years and where, in the District Grand Lodge he held the rank of Grand Senior Warden. Moving to India, he affiliated with Lodge Humility with Fortitude No. 229, E.C., at Calcutta. He is now a

member of our Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105 in the Peace River District, where he at present resides. This much travelled brother received quite an ovation, on rising to deliver his address, which was greatly enjoyed by the brethren.

R. W. Bro. W. J. Snaddon, P.G.T., P.M. of Zetland Lodge No. 83, proposed the toast to Our Absent Brethren. The King George Lodge Orchestra, conducted by Bro. Clem Elliott, P.G.O., gave several selections during the banquet and between toasts and speeches Bros. F. Bounds, A. Shaw, R. Wilbraham and D. Sharp, male quartette, rendered several numbers, while Bro. Geo. McInnes, baritone, and Bro. W. Brailley, Marimba-phone soloist, were other artists who so ably entertained the gathering and all well deserved the expressions of appreciation which were heard on every side.

The Address of the Guest Speaker is printed herewith:

ADDRESS

"RECONSTRUCTION"

by

W. Bro. GEO. H. CRANE-WILLIAMS

P. M. of Lodge Humility with Fortitude, No. 229, E.C., Calcutta
Member of Grande Prairie Lodge No. 105. G.R.A.

Delivered at the Banquet held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary,
Wednesday evening, the 11th of June, 1941, in connection
with the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge
of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

R. W. Sir and Brethren:

I am fully conscious of the honour you have done in inviting me to address you this evening, and would like to thank you, not only for myself, but for District No. 13 whose members may find satisfaction in the selection of one of their affiliated brethren.

Tonight, with much reluctance, we take leave of our own particular Grand Master. Brother Sam Harris, and I crave your indulgence for a moment to pay my little tribute to his merit.

Geographically he is situated in what must be the most inconvenient corner of the Province, for the Chief Executive of an organisation so widely spread. You will know perhaps, better than I, how assiduously he has performed his manifold duties, never sparing himself, but labouring beyond what many may recognise as the normal calls upon his time, visiting every District and many lodges in this Jurisdiction, as well as others in sister Constitutions, and denying himself many hours or rest and slumber, that he might give to the brethren the utmost of what we have come to recognise as his best asset, his own most delightful personality.

He hails, as alas, do I, from the Cinderella of the provincial divisions, the "almost forgotten" by the controllers of Roads and Rails, but this has not deterred him from what he considered his duty, and, sacrificing himself upon the altar of his fraternal obligations, he has earned for himself the right to wear the slipper—the loyalty and admiration of all his brethren.

Brother Sam Harris epitomises with exactitude my conception of a real Freemason: He is a thorough *parallelepipedon*. I fancy you will readily recognise the analogy when you recall the most familiar *parallelepipedon*, a brick. Brother Sam is a brick, solid and square and fitted to adorn every structure for which he might be selected. It is a pleasing reflection we of the Peace River Valley enjoy, the knowledge that we, at least, will have our Brother, who is so dear to us, still very near to us, and we pray the G.A.O.T.U. to prolong his life, that to us all, his usefulness may likewise be prolonged. (Applause.)

We meet tonight with the forces of evil still unfettered, suffering humanity tortured and mutilated; the flower of youth and the fading blossoms of hoary age crushed to the earth, martyrs in the most noble cause of freedom. We know of the destruction and devastation that has descended upon the treasured shrines of the homeland; the wanton cruelty and premeditated murder of children and the maiming and slaughter of those angels of mercy, our nursing sisters, while succouring the crippled and sick. Their sufferings cry to Heaven for vengeance, and while we wonder why such atrocities are permitted by God, we remember the immutable laws of retribution and gain renewed strength, encouragement and determination to continue the fight, calm in the knowledge and assurance that vengeance is His, He will repay.

Amidst the chaos of destruction, the horrors of uncertainty and the apprehension of cataclysmic physical disintegration, we have the quiet and ordered progression of a noble people, exhibiting a fortitude unparalleled in history, undreamed of by epic chroniclers of any age, a glorious example of heroic faith, compelling in force, combining the peoples of this great Empire in solid affirmation of the high ideals in which this Empire was conceived and in unswerving loyalty and devotion to the persons of their gracious Majesties, our King and Queen, and the truest principles of democracy of which they are the very soul.

We do not forget our kindred in their hour of distress; we cannot bear their burdens if we would, but this our loved Dominion, numerically almost insignificant, has reason to be proud of its part in the struggle. Its sons did not merely rally to the call, they rushed to get to battle and in every phase of fighting they are acquitting themselves as befits Britons, who never will be slaves.

I have seen a little of what is being done, not only by the fighting forces, but by the workers everywhere in Canada, men and women impatient to press forward, eager to exert their every ounce, to hasten the victory which will be ours. When the beloved City of London, that "Blighty" of the Tommy's dreams, that Temple of friendship and hospitality, enshrined in the hearts of thousands of Canadians who made it their very own on many a spot of leave, when that dear old city was near destroyed and hundreds of people lacked the clothing and food to ward off starvation, we feel proud again that it was the

Red Cross organisation of Canada that rushed to their aid, and saved the people from greater calamity.

Our enemies have threatened the total destruction of Britain, categorically enumerating the fields on which our people will be destroyed, and while we cannot delude ourselves and are forced to recognise the power of the Nazis to destroy, we know the capacity of our people to endure and through endurance cometh victory. We who listened some Sundays ago to that man of destiny, Winston Churchill, will have been heartened, encouraged and fortified, if perhaps a little humiliated, at his description of the tour he made of the bombed areas of Britain. Among the poorest classes, amidst those acres of cottage homes, reduced to heaps of rubble, where the people had lost most he found morale the highest. (Applause.)

Those of us who have lived and possibly have taken part in one or other of the three major wars of the last forty years, will recall the emotional stresses that marked the fluctuations in the various engagements of those fights and few can remain unperturbed in face of definite reverses. It may be but a temporary obscurity of true perspective, a fleeting misjudged sense of proportion that sends our hearts to zero and saddles us with heavy depression. It is but natural we should regard with some alarm two of the most powerfully armed and prepared nations in Europe, drawing their industrial man-power and their military equipment from the countries they have seized, but we can renew our confidence in victory if we remember our Empire remains intact and every year the struggle continues the enemies' chances of continued supplies of the sinews of war are steeply lessening.

Faced with fury, havoc and common desolation, horrors so nauseous we are almost too numbed to think, yet there are few of us who do not search our hearts and brains, in the hope we may light upon some pointer, some grain of prescience that should guide us along the path, which if travelled will bring us to the goal of universal peace. We hear thinkers and statesmen, aye, and they perhaps who are neither, telling us almost daily what we should or shall or must do, by way of reform or reconstruction *after the war*, and without endorsing or disagreeing with their views, we cannot cavil at their very laudable intentions. Surely, however, if we recognise the need for reconstruction, what is wrong with today? And why await the termination of hostilities, which we are justified in believing is a very long way off yet. "Do it now" is an appeal no less than an injunction and when remedial measures are due immediate action is imperative.

What have we to reconstruct? The pessimist may shout EVERYTHING except that pessimists seldom are so downright and thorough as to commit themselves beyond a murmur or a groan.

Reconstruction like charity should begin at home, and one of the first things I would mark for attention is the very one which people declare they are fighting for, Democracy. Well might we transpose the saying, Oh Democracy! what evils are done in thy name.

It has been said that under the Tzars a man was less interfered with than under present day Democratic Governments. By no stretch of the imagination can it be said Democracy is a good form of government, it may be less bad than some others. Under Democracy politics have become more corrupt, more debased. Carlyle says, "It places

power in the hands of windbags." Elections are bitter and vulgar, and Parties are syndicates for exploitation by place seekers. Under our present system of democratic control, politics becomes a trade in which a man to prosper requires less intelligence and knowledge than boldness and a capacity for intrigue. Under democracy it is possible, as we have seen, to establish a ruthless dictator in every Ministerial post and little short of death can remove them, the while the people smart under either iniquitous enactments or a masterful inactivity.

No longer can we blame an untutored, uninformed public opinion for the evils which we permit Governments to inflict upon us. With the spread of education and the growing intelligence of the ordinary man in the street, not to mention the wisdom and the confusion disseminated by the radio, our capacity to think has increased and an ability to appraise measures is observed even in youth.

Here then is the first work of reconstruction. Let us see to it that our Governments are truly representative of all the people, and that "Jacks in office" are subject to the will of the people, whose ability to remove them is unquestioned and immediately effective. This will involve legislation safeguarding the interests of minorities and providing for the dismissal of any Government for good and sufficient reason.

Crying for reform for centuries past, are international relationships and such are not capable of improvement by injunctions or force. If a man may not be made moral by act of Parliament it is even more true, however trite, nations cannot be induced to love or even respect one another, not even at the behest of the most powerful concordat that was ever evolved. Perfect relationships, like perfect love, casteth out fear and is born of mutual confidence and respect. We can all deplore now, this absence of confidence and respect, since it has developed so tragically, yet it will not condone the apathy with which we viewed the rapid deterioration in the relationship between nations for the past quarter of a century, ending in the present hurricane of war.

It would be difficult if not impossible for us to fix with any exactitude the cause of the present war, or its chiefest reason. Who is there among us can place a finger in the conglomerate mass of reasons assigned for the first great war, and declare with conviction, "Here is the culprit."

There are, however, very definite causes for all strife, and since the middle ages, when wars were often embarked upon for purely selfish ends and as Lord Acton has said "the interests of the reigning families, not those of the nation, regulated the frontier," wars have been waged with very precise objectives, based upon no less determinate reasons, however much obscured by the passing of time or the biased chroniclers of history. Modern wars, apart from the savage ferocity which characterises the insatiable vengeance of our present relentless foes, are all subject to the underlying influence of *economic pressure*, if indeed, they are not the direct result of this. Does not our own experience teach us that this same economic pressure, arising as it does from a soul destroying inequality, is responsible for all sorts of social crime, theft, harlotry and even murder? And while the whole world has known of it, the effort to remove this root-cause has been puny to the point of shame, activity often restricted to well-meaning but inadequately endowed or ill-equipped enthusiasts. As

in individuals, so in communities, and alas, in a much more magnified and devastating form, the same in nations.

I am not blind to the intentions of those worshippers of hate, the Nazis, who seek to degrade, humiliate and enslave all subject nations in beggary and desolation, but I am equally well aware of the opportunities the so-called victors of the last war failed to seize and which if taken advantage of might have averted this. To punish a vanquished foe economically may be just, but to seek to impose upon a people a standard of living far beneath that formerly enjoyed and where cultural and industrial development is stultified, only serves to sow the seeds of vengeance and retaliation.

How greatly refreshing it was to hear only last week, the British Foreign Secretary and the Labour Leader in the British Parliament, recognise the truth of this and publicly state as an after-war policy of their Government, "equal opportunities for all". They claim to have learnt the lesson of the past 25 years.

Let us be careful to avoid the use of slogans, especially those that pre-suppose an omnipotence so far unattained by mortals. We may not be able to recreate this world in a manner fit for heroes to live in, but at least we can aim at making it a place where heroes do not prematurely have to die.

We must brace ourselves to face the facts squarely and valourously, and having resolved upon the necessary remedial measures, dedicate ourselves whole-heartedly to their application and acceptance.

Under safeguards the economic resources of the world must be made readily available to the world. I have seen it said somewhere that these resources have been and are available to the world, and that Germany could have purchased anything she pleased from the countries controlling such resources as she may have lacked. On the surface of this there is a semblance of truth, but you and I know that the terms of purchase applicable to those commodities make it economically unsound, if not impossible, to purchase, removing as it does, far from the field of fair competition anyone buying at such cost. Let the "Haves" rage and storm how they will, there has to be a pooling of the resources of all commodities, necessary to modern existence, if the occasion for wars is to be eliminated, no matter where the commodities may be found. If the League of Nations will devote its energies to the fair and equitable distribution of these commodities, there will never again be any cause to question its existence.

One other vital question of international importance is "elbow room", and here too, reconstruction is long overdue.

You will be familiar with a phase of this subject, wherein we may be considered to suffer from too much "elbow room". Herein, we share with Australia a very grave responsibility, as these two Dominions constitute the last of the unpeopled areas of the globe. Statistics are boring and not always convincing, but I must quote you a few figures in order to bring more clearly to your notice relative positions with regard to populations. There are seventy million whites in the British Empire and forty-five millions of these are in Great Britain. Canada has between ten and eleven millions, Australia between seven and eight millions and New Zealand between one and two millions. The area of Great Britain is ninety thousand square

miles, the area of Canada is three million, seven hundred thousand square miles, Australia three million square miles and New Zealand one hundred and five thousand square miles. Canada is over forty times larger than Great Britain.

After the last war a settlement scheme of emigration proceeded for ten years and was stopped when the depression assailed the world. A year or so ago, Mr. Lyons, the then Prime Minister of Australia, said, "We have now reached a stage of recovery when we must invite the people of Great Britain to come to Australia." Sir James Barrett says, "Australia can absorb another thirty million people." The same is equally true of Canada. Do not be dismayed at these figures. The late Lord Tweedsmuir once said, "Canada will become the richest country in the world," and I certainly see every reason for that optimism.

To increase our population of ten millions to forty millions is not done in a year. If fifty thousand emigrants were accepted every year, and you add to this the natural increase of about one percent, it will take well over one hundred years to reach the forty million mark.

Large tracts of land, rich in natural resources, remain entirely undeveloped and this attenuated population cannot continue indefinitely in a hysterical, unhappy, money grabbing, panic-stricken world, where powerful nations complain that their territories are over-crowded and they cannot tap the natural resources now lying idle and for which their people languish. We shall lose our greatest heritage, the British Empire, at once the envy and the admiration of all outside it, and all those fine traditions with their roots in Britain will disappear, unless we have the wisdom and the courage to people these lands with our own folk. Britain has the money and the men; the Dominions control the land. Surely something could be done to unite these factors, that a sound policy of emigration might be evolved with resultant increase in prosperity, Empire wide.

Industrial workers as well as unskilled labourers should be recruited. New industries can be organized and accommodated within the Dominions and care could be taken to ensure that the conflicting interests, as between the old country and the self-governing Dominions were unified to the avoidance of all causes for dispute.

A Dominion more than a Lodge has the right to select its own members and conscious as I am of the shortcomings of most nations, not excepting my own, I should look for a discrimination in the acceptance of emigrants that no Dominion should suffer from an unrestricted entry of foreign malcontents.

When we realize the British Government is spending over sixty million dollars a day on her war effort, it is not too much to ask that she devote a ten-days' expenditure upon an emigration scheme. This would set up fifty thousand emigrants with a capital of ten thousand dollars each. What a boon to Dominions and emigrants alike, and how greatly such a scheme would solidify our Empire.

And now let me say a little about ourselves—about our Freemasonry. I have very recently put to myself a very pointed question and I would ask you to bear with me while I put that same question before you. What does Freemasonry mean to you? It matters not if you are newly initiated, or if you are like me, an old shellback having climbed some higher peaks, except that the responsibility of a satisfactory answer lies more heavily on the latter.

Let us go back to the time when first we thought about the Order and examine ourselves as to how we conceived the notion of becoming a Freemason and why we pursued the matter to the point of seeking admission. I think it would be idle for anyone of us to delude ourselves that we were actuated solely by a favourable opinion preconceived of the Order, a general desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to render ourselves more extensively serviceable to our fellow men. Yet we acquiesced in those euphonious phrases when an expert brother most obligingly suggested they constituted our motives.

You may feel it is rather late in the day for such questions to be raised and perhaps a violation of the laws of hospitality for a guest so poignantly to quiz you. I must ask your indulgence because I believe I shall be able to justify my stance if you will but recall the attacks that are increasingly made upon Freemasonry.

You will remember that the Totalitarian states have banned the Order from their lands. Varying reasons are assigned and perhaps the most puerile, the Germanic charge, "Freemasonry is International", and forgive me if I say they thus have placed our great Order in the same category as International Service Clubs.

To the onlooker it must seem that Freemasonry is on trial. Tabooed by that powerful soulless machine, the Roman Church, denied by one half of Europe and banned by the largest national area in the world, Soviet Russia, wherein lies the guilt? In what has Freemasonry offended? I give you the answers: both are in the negative and Freemasonry is *not* on trial, but we as Freemasons are! We are on trial, and why? What stigma can be laid on men who believe in the G.A. O.T.U.? Successive generations of Freemasons and cowans, too, confess there is none, and yet we are assailed—we *are* on trial.

May I offer a thought? Shall we progress with our self-examination, ever an unpleasant but healthy form of discipline. How far did vanity suggest that we seek the approbation of our fellow men and have placed upon us the hall-mark of respectability—elected a Freemason? How far did ambition whet our appetite for the higher seats in the Temple? How far were we influenced by mercenary and other unworthy motives?

I am thankful that none of us is called upon to answer these questions on oath, but if we as Freemasons are successfully to emerge from the trial at which we are arraigned, we have to answer these questions to ourselves and truthfully.

One of the worst features of modern Freemasonry is that in many lodges it has descended to the level of a machine for mass production. Almost violent hands are laid upon anyone who hints at membership, and you must all know of cases where the injunction not to solicit has been flagrantly ignored. There are few countries in the world where you cannot be improperly importuned by a Masonic grip. In self defence as a world traveller I have never worn an emblem.

We Freemasons are on trial at the bar of conscience. What does Freemasonry mean to me, is the question each must ask. Is it a funkhole to which the harassed benedict may turn for a respite now and then? Is it a club where a congenial atmosphere may lull to slumber the cares of declining trade? Is it a forum where the vainglorious may entice the plaudits of his brethren by his flights of oratory, his

exemplification of book-learned skill? Or is it the Temple wherein we pay our adoration to the Most High, where we commune together and through labour and refreshment draw closer to each other and thus nearer to the G.A.O.T.U., learning of the hopes, the aspirations, the needs, the failings, the triumphs of our brethren, making them our own, resolving to search out those who need our sympathy and help. Have we not lost sight of this the true aspect of our Order? Yes, we have our Benevolent Funds, we perfunctorily pension our poor, we pay for the education of the brother's unprovided offspring, but we take not a step along the highroad of fraternal affection.

I know, we all feel that the other fellow is himself so unloveable, forgetting that is precisely the opinion the other fellow has of us. Do let us remedy this, let us cultivate a more loveable side to our natures, slow to condemn, hastening to help, ever ready to shed a tear over the failings of a brother, our hearts receptive of his every woe.

We have a power within our lodges which we have never fully realised. By the lives and actions of every individual brother we could make our Order so compellingly attractive that all who hold humanitarianism in reverence would fly to our banners and that which is now laid to our charge by the meglomaniacal shriekings of imitation Kaisers will prove its greatest strength, not only International but truly Universal—the sun always at its meridian in respect of us.

Let us take our Freemasonry and place it there—high, something to look up to—something to attain, something to cherish. Let us wear its emblems as precious jewels and in our hearts enshrine that virtue that one day may make all wars to cease—Brotherly Love.

The reforms I have advocated are of the most pressing urgency and preparations to put them into effect can be embarked upon now. Nothing, however, should deflect us from our present purpose, the purpose for which we have drawn the sword and which we will not sheath until that purpose has been achieved—the freeing of all enslaved peoples under the heel of Naziism and the complete subjugation of Hitler and his gang. Their ultimate fate shall be submitted to the tribunal of those whom he has despoiled and our role in that final act will be cast in conformity with that decision.

Until then I would enjoin upon us all, the testamentary injunction: “Only be thou strong and very courageous” and in God’s good time we shall join in the emancipation of the world. (Prolonged Applause.)

Second Day = = = *Morning Session*

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 9:10 o'clock a.m.

HONORARY RANK CONFERRED

It was unanimously resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, "That the Honorary Rank of Past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge be conferred on W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams, in recognition of his services to the Craft and particularly as a token of appreciation for his able and inspirational address, delivered at the Banquet last evening."

R. W. Bro. Crane-Williams suitably acknowledged the honor which had been conferred on him.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE WORK

Calgary, June 12, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee realized that their first duty would be to come to a definite understanding regarding the method of answering questions on the Work, and unanimously adopted two rules:

1. All answers to questions, which properly may be written, should be printed in the report of the committee, published in the Proceedings.
2. All answers not proper to be written, shall be conveyed to the lodges orally by the D.D.G.M. at the Annual District Meeting.

All questions submitted to the committee have been reviewed and where necessary rulings have been given, all of which, subject to the above recommendations, will be published among the brethren in accordance with the conditions mentioned.

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. W. S. KEMMIS, Chairman.
GEO. E. CRUICKSHANK,
A. M. MITCHELL,
JOHN MARTLAND,

Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That the report of the Committee on the Work be received and adopted."

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams (105), seconded by R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), "That this Grand Lodge send a message to His Majesty the King, expressing the unswerving loyalty of the members of the Craft in Alberta and their undivided support in the Empire war effort." The motion was carried unanimously and with enthusiastic applause, and the Grand Master directed that a cable be sent through the regular channels.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

A meeting of the Board of General Purposes was held in the Central Masonic Temple, Edmonton, on Thursday, June 12th, 1940, immediately after the close of Grand Lodge, a full quorum of the members being present, with the Deputy Grand Master in the chair. The Vice-President and Chairman of the several committees were unanimously elected and the personnel of the committees left to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to name in accordance with the Constitution.

The Board then adjourned to meet in the City of Calgary on Tuesday, June 10th, 1941, when all matters pertaining to the several committees were distributed and dealt with.

Matters that were given special consideration were:

1. **Coal Lodge No. 62** at Bawlf. This lodge, amalgamated with Melrose Lodge No. 139 on April 12th, 1941, and is now petitioning Grand Lodge for permission to change the name of the lodge from Coal to Melrose, but retaining the same number 62. This was recommended by the Grand Master and other officers of Grand Lodge, and the Board concurs in this recommendation.

2. **Surrender of Charters:** Rosebud Lodge No. 149, at Rosebud. After due notice of motion had been given, surrendered its charter on November 13, 1940. Its books and paraphernalia were turned in to the Grand Lodge Office. Victory Lodge No. 112 at Jarrow, after due notice, surrendered its charter on February 13, 1941, and its books and paraphernalia have been received by the Grand Secretary.

The Grand Secretary stated that in due time he would be able to dispose of most of this paraphernalia.

3. **The Grand Masters War Defence Fund:** The Secretary reported that the amount received to that date was \$22,759.84, of which \$5,006.46 was expended in a draft to the United Grand Lodge of England, acknowledgment of the receipt of which had been received. Following discussion, introduced by the M. W. the Grand Master,

it was agreed to concur in the Grand Master's proposal that the balance of the Fund be sent to the United Grand Lodge of England with a suggestion that if the need arises assistance be given from these monies to the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland.

It was further recommended that the contributions made by members through their lodges be not itemized as to lodges, but by districts.

R. W. Bro. Geo. Ellis, D.G.M., requested direction as to continuing the effort along similar lines for next year, and the Board agreed that the Grand Master's Fund be continued under a different name, all members of the Board promising their wholehearted co-operation.

It was further agreed to recommend that when all returns are in, sufficient money from the Relief Fund to cover the deficit up to the 15th of June, be appropriated to make up the objective set of \$25,000.00, and that any further donations received between June 15th to the 30th, be credited to the Relief Fund.

The Reports of the various committees were then received and considered and will be presented to Grand Lodge for adoption.

The Board approved of the recommendation made by the Grand Master in his address, that a committee be appointed by the incoming Grand Master to consider changes in the time of opening Grand Lodge, so that the Board could meet on the opening day instead of the day previous, the same committee to give consideration to the matter of lodge proxies.

The Grand Lodge Library and the subject of disposing of surplus Proceedings of our own and other Jurisdictions was discussed and it was agreed that the matter be left to the Chairman of the Committee on Research and Education and the Grand Secretary. In this connection, M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore suggested that Grand Representatives would be glad to have the Proceedings of the Grand Lodges which they represented.

Fraternally submitted,

GEO. F. ELLIS,

President.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That the report of the Board of General Purposes be received and adopted."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

Calgary, June 11, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your committee wish to join with the Grand Master in expressing thanks for the very great privilege of being permitted to meet together as Masons on this our Annual Communication, and share the hope that out of the present turmoil others of our brethren the world over may soon be able to gather together in peace and quietude.

The Grand Master has shown a keen personal interest in Freemasonry by the visits he has made to other Sister Grand Jurisdictions and has thereby extended that close fraternal relationship which exists.

We wish to associate ourselves with the Grand Master in extending a very warm welcome to our distinguished visitors, M. W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, M. W. Bro. W. R. Simpson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia and to our guest speaker, W. Bro. Geo. H. Crane-Williams. It is deeply regretted that through illness, the Grand Master of Manitoba, M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon G. R. Calvert, was not able to be with us as he had planned, with his Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell.

We concur in the remarks of the Grand Master relative to the advantage to be gained in some instances by the amalgamation of some of the smaller lodges.

We approve the suggestion that initiation should take place at a meeting following the meeting when the ballot has been passed.

We feel that a definite example should be made where a lodge fails to comply with the Constitution in respect to the required information being spread on the summons preparatory to a ballot.

We suggest that the constituent lodges be warned as to their fate where they fail to observe the requirements regarding automatic suspension for N.P.D.

We agree with the Grand Master that the practice of electing or appointing a member to more than one office in a lodge should cease, and would suggest that any lodge failing to comply in the future be brought to task.

We are glad to note that more dignity is in evidence in lodge work and we trust that this will soon remove any tendency to laxity on the part of officers and members.

With reference to the discussion of lodge affairs referred to by the Grand Master we would recommend a more serious perusal of the Ancient Charges, and would enjoin the brethren to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them.

We commend the Grand Master for the personal interest he has shown in Freemasonry by the number of meetings he has attended, together with the fact that he attended all the District Meetings.

We congratulate our Grand Master on the opportunity he embraced in Masonic District No. 11 of presenting to a worthy brother the first Fifty Year Jewel to be struck from the die approved by Grand Lodge last year.

We are in accord with the sentiments expressed by the Grand Master under the heading of "Fraternal Relations" and we would opine that from the ashes of the present distress a flame will be kindled and a shrine will still be found to keep the Holy Fire of Freemasonry.

We specially commend the Grand Master for his endeavours in connection with Evacuee Children and for his untiring efforts regarding the Masonic War Fund. We regret that some of our members did not receive this appeal in a truly Masonic spirit and that, in consequence, they failed to realize the true import of their Masonic obligations.

We are pleased to note the meeting between the officers of this Grand Lodge and those of British Columbia. It was unfortunate that the conference of the representatives of the four Western Jurisdictions did not come to fruition. We hope that a further endeavour will be made to hold this meeting during the coming year.

We concur in the rulings made by the Grand Master.

We recommend a careful study of the closing remarks of the Grand Master and particularly with regard to the question, "What is wrong with Freemasonry?" We agree that it is not a question of more Masons, but rather Masons who are ready and willing to work in the best interests of the Craft, always remembering that "many hands make light work." If we determine that "nothing is impossible to a willing heart", we shall find the answer to our question.

Fraternally submitted,

J. MARTLAND, Chairman.
V. H. MACAULAY,
C. C. HARTMAN,
Committee.

Resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay (59), seconded by M. W. Bro. S. J. Blair (9), "That the report of the Committee on the Grand Master's Report be received and adopted."

ADDRESS GRAND MASTER OF SASKATCHEWAN

The Grand Master called on M. W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to address Grand Lodge, and M. W. Bro. Brooks, on rising, received an ovation from the brethren.

The distinguished visitor warmly expressed greetings from the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and his personal fraternal greetings to our M. W. Grand Master, congratulating him on the completion of a most successful year. He especially commented on the determined effort made to reach the objective set for the Grand Master's Fund, saying that the Grand Lodge of Alberta need have no regrets, for the result spoke for itself.

He greatly enjoyed his visit with us and found much to admire in the way the business of Grand Lodge was conducted, being marked

with dignity and dispatch, with the utmost harmony prevailing. He also congratulated the Grand Master and the brethren on the keen interest taken in the proceedings, as was shown by the large attendance which had been maintained throughout the sessions.

He then spoke of world conditions today and the effects of the war on civilization as we know it and on institutions such as ours, stating that everywhere the questions are asked: "Can civilization survive?" "Can Masonry survive?" He pointed out that we believe in the inherent right of the individual to express his opinions and put them into practice, provided he does not interfere or impose upon the rights of others. That is Democracy. And he asked if we were teaching that tolerance and forbearance which means liberty, with good citizenship and government to our youth. If we do not, then ignorance and vice will flourish, two deadly enemies of self government, and one of the first victims would be Democracy itself, followed by Freemasonry, which can only realize its ideals under a democratic form of government.

Freemasonry is a way of living, which insists on the supremacy of the individual. Its great objective is the pursuit and attainment of contentment or happiness, but Freemasonry is not a kind of magic, that works whether we do or not. Masonry must be practised at all times by its members, so that it will become an indispensable part of their lives, helping them to support everything of value and worth to the community, the country and humanity at large. Therefore Masonry is a character building organisation, inculcating the practical application of Brotherhood, of Charity and of Truth. It calls for safe leadership, which can only be had when based upon intelligent thinking, evolving sane judgment.

Masonry develops a right attitude towards God. It insists as fundamental that its members believe in a Supreme Being, that He will reward the righteous and punish the wicked and that He has revealed His will to man. And secondly, Masonry does very definitely define our relationship to our fellows: Help one another, practise the social and moral virtues, be Just, be Tolerant. Remember that humility is an essential *duty*, and have a friendly attitude towards our fellow men.

A great man and a Mason, Winston Churchill, said not long ago, "Give all, dare all, endure all and it shall be our finest hour", and it will be, if only we try to realize what Masonry really means.

*"Give us, O God, the strength to build
The city that has stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,
Whose ways are brotherhood,
And where the sun that shineth is
God's grace for human good."*

The M. W. the Grand Master expressed himself as deeply grateful for M. W. Bro. Brooks' kindness in coming to Alberta to visit us, after having a rather strenuous year himself attending to the duties of Grand Master in Saskatchewan, where he had the pleasure of meeting him in his own Grand Lodge on his installation a year ago. He thanked him for his thoughtful, fraternal message, and the brethren showed their appreciation of his address by hearty applause.

MOTIONS

The following motions, of which due notice had been given by R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands (14), in his absence were moved by R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51), seconded by R. W. Bro. R. M. Coote (34):

"That Section 212 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the whole and substituting the following:

"If a Candidate shall be elected to receive the three degrees, and unforeseen circumstances prevent him from presenting himself for either of them in the lodge which has so elected him, he may, at the request of such lodge and on its behalf and without additional fees, receive any or either of the degrees in another lodge. No petition, reference or ballot will be necessary. A lodge shall not confer any degree or degrees on a candidate of another lodge from a Foreign Jurisdiction until the standing of such lodge has been certified by the Grand Secretary."

"That Section 144 of the Constitution be deleted and the following substituted:

"The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each lodge shall be elected annually by ballot, a majority of the votes cast by the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be elected at a regular meeting and installed at the next regular meeting; the day and hour of these meetings shall be specified in the by-laws of the lodge."

The motions on being put were declared "rejected".

It was unanimously resolved, on motion of M. W. Bro. Geo. W. Kerby (83), seconded by M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore (23), "That a cable be sent Bro. Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, P.C., congratulating him on his elevation to the peerage, conveying the best wishes of the brethren in Grand Lodge assembled". (Prolonged applause.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Committee on Credentials are pleased to report that we find there are 339 members and 19 Master Masons registered present at this communication, carrying a total voting strength of 530, consisting of 67 W.M.'s with 169 votes; 31 S.W.'s with 54 votes; 17 J.W.'s with 23 votes; 226 Past Masters with 226 votes and 19 Proxies with 57 votes.

121 Chartered lodges are represented.

30 Chartered lodges are without representation.

Details of representation are as follows:

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
1. Bow River.....	..	3	..	7	..	10
2. Medicine Hat.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
3. Alberta.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
4. North Star.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
5. Cascade.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
6. Spitzie.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
7. Edmonton.....	1	1	..	5	..	7
8. Innisfail.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
9. Perfection.....	2	1	..	13	..	16
10. Eureka.....	..	..	..	3	..	3
11. Acacia.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
12. Red Deer.....	..	..	..	3	..	3
13. Victoria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Jasper.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
15. Wetaskiwin.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
16. Mountain View.....	1	..	..	5	..	6
17. Nanton.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
18. Britannia.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
19. Cornerstone.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
20. Carstairs.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
21. King Hiram.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
22. Corinthian.....	1	..	1	3	..	5
23. Calgary.....	1	1	1	9	..	12
24. Vermilion.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
25. St. John's.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
26. Sentinel.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
27. Apollo.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
28. Ashlar.....	3	..	..	4	..	7
29. Kenilworth.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
30. Summit.....	..	1	..	..	..	1
31. Doric.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
32. Cairo.....	..	..	3	2	..	5
33. Stavely.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
34. Star of the West.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
35. Mizpah.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
36. Gleichen.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
37. Camrose.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
38. Hope.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
39. Lethbridge.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
40. Joppa.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
41. King Solomon.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
42. Bowden.....	2	1	..	2	..	5
43. Tuscan.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
44. Buffalo Park.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
45. Ionic.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
46. Palestine.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
47. Chinook.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
48. Crossfield.....	2	1	..	1	..	4
49. Robert Burns.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
50. Comet.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
51. Unity.....	2	1	..	7	..	10
53. Strathmore.....	2	1	..	6	..	9
54. Mount Lebanon.....	2	1	..	4	..	7
55. Bassano.....	..	..	..	1	3	4

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
56. Beaver.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
57. Grassy Lake.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
58. Chief Mountain.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
59. King George.....	2	1	..	4	..	7
60. Acme.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
61. Provost.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
62. Coal.....	..	3	..	..	..	3
63. Empire.....	2	1	..	3	..	6
64. Bow Island.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
65. Diamond City.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
66. St. Andrew's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
67. Charity.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
68. Edson.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
69. Connaught.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
70. Quarry.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
71. Tawatinaw.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
72. Coronation.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
73. Brooks.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
74. Vulcan.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
75. Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
76. Fidelity.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
77. Strathcona.....	3	..	..	3	..	6
78. Hanna.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
79. Morning Star.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
80. Excelsior.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
81. Commercial.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
82. Acadia.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
83. Zetland.....	2	1	..	8	..	11
84. Champion.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
86. Rocky Mountain.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
87. Crescent.....	2	..	1	4	..	7
88. Wapahpun.....	..	..	3	1	..	4
89. Peace River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
90. Norwood.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
91. Patricia.....	2	..	1	..	..	3
92. Saskatchewan.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
93. Symbol.....	2	..	..	1	..	3
94. Lamont.....	..	3	..	2	..	5
95. Kitchener.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
96. Dynamic.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
97. Albion.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
98. Hand Hill.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
100. Verdigris.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
101. West Edmonton.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
102. Edgerton.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
103. Foremost.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
104. Oyen.....	..	3	..	1	..	4
105. Grande Prairie.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
106. Lake Saskatoon.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
107. Carbon.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
108. Pyramid.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
110. Kilwinning.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
111. Nobleford.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
113. Cyprus.....	..	3	..	4	..	7

	W.M.	S.W.	J.W.	P.M.	Proxy	Total Votes
114. Westlock.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
115. Crocus.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
116. Spirit River.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
117. Dominion.....	2	..	1	3	..	6
118. St. Mark's.....	2	..	1	2	..	5
119. York.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
120. Monitor.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
122. Rising Sun.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
123. Rockyford.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
124. Concord.....	1	1	1	5	..	8
125. Cavell.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
126. Pembina.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
127. Granite.....	1	1	1	2	..	5
128. Forestburg.....	..	..	..	2	..	2
129. Meridian.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
130. Hussar.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
131. Kitseoty.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
132. Craigmyle.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
133. Manyberries.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
134. Renfrew.....	2	1	..	5	..	8
135. Alliance.....	3	..	..	1	..	4
136. Cresset.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
137. Irricana.....	..	1	1	3	..	5
138. Onoway.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
140. Big Valley.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
141. Efficiency.....	3	..	..	..	..	3
142. Ivanhoe.....	3	..	..	2	..	5
143. Jasper Park.....	..	..	..	1	3	4
144. Gratton.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
145. St. Alban's.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
146. Drumheller.....	..	2	1	..	..	3
147. Northland.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
148. Mayerthorpe.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
151. Lochearn.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
152. Standard.....	..	..	..	2	3	5
153. Whitecourt.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
154. Waskatenau.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
155. Earl Haig.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
156. Hythe.....	..	..	..	1	..	1
157. Sharon.....	..	1	1	1	..	3
158. Berry Creek.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
159. Lucerne.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
160. Sexsmith.....	2	1	..	..	..	3
	169	54	23	226	57	529

Fraternally submitted,

F. BARNHOUSE,
Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the report of the Committee on Credentials and Reception be received and adopted."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SCRUTINEERS

Calgary, June 12, 1941.

To the M. W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of
the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

Your Scrutineers for the Election of Officers beg to report as follows:

The following Officers were elected by acclamation:

Deputy Grand Master.....	R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith (29)
Senior Grand Warden.....	R. W. Bro. R. J. Bradley (51)
Grand Treasurer.....	R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis (23)
Grand Secretary.....	M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6)
Grand Chaplain	W. Bro. Rev. J. W. House (36)

The following Officers were elected by ballot:

Junior Grand Warden.....	R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9)
Grand Registrar.....	W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote (11)

The ballot for the Board of General Purposes resulted as follows:

R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. A. D. Cumming (134).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone (4).....	Lethbridge
V. W. Bro. O. C. Smith (83).....	Calgary
V. W. Bro. Geo. W. Skene (9).....	Calgary
V. W. Bro. J. J. Petrie (28).....	Calgary

To hold office for two years, and for one year, replacing R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland:

R. W. Bro. Wm. J. Kirby (151).....	Rocky Mountain House
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In the case of the Board of Benevolence, the following were re-elected by acclamation:

M. W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell (77).....	Edmonton
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9).....	Calgary
R. W. Bro. F. V. Truesdale (124).....	Calgary

Fraternally submitted,

F. BARNHOUSE,
Chairman.

It was resolved, on motion of R. W. Bro. F. Barnhouse (7), seconded by R. W. Bro. T. W. Bull (63), "That the Report of the Board of Scrutineers be received and adopted."

The Grand Master called for nominations for the office of Grand Tyler, when it was resolved on motion by R. W. Bro. E. G. Ironside (23), seconded by M. W. Bro. G. E. Cruickshank (26), "That R. W. Bro. Percy Fielding (38), be re-elected Grand Tyler."

The Grand Master requested the admission of the Grand Tyler, R. W. Bro. Fielding, and congratulated him on his re-election and on having completed twenty-four years of service in that office for this Grand Lodge. This aged brother received an ovation from the brethren as he retired from the lodge room.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters, who were elected at their District Meetings, were confirmed by the M. W. the Grand Master:

R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ritchie (54)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Chas. M. Chalmers (73)	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Eric A. Hawkins (81)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Daniel J. Morkeberg (8)	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Lionel J. Shepard (135)	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Walter Rice Jones (32)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Herbert G. Stretton (4)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Thos. J. Cumberland (6)	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robert Topham (120)	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Figg (117)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Clarke G. Prendergast (111)	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gurr (114)	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Arthur E. Cragg (89)	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Arthur W. White (132)	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Gordon P. Puffer (76)	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Lester F. Snyder (130)	D.D.G.M. No. 16 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Frank F. Mitchell (102)	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

R. W. Bro. George F. Ellis, Grand Master elect, announced the following appointments:

V. W. Bro. Edward W. Thomas (1)	Senior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Chas. E. Garnett (142)	Junior Grand Deacon
V. W. Bro. Ernest H. Fleetwood (4)	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Bro. Harry Rimmer (28)	V. W. Grand Organist
V. W. Bro. Wm. Gray (53)	Grand Pursuivant
V. W. Bro. John E. MacIntosh (12)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Frederick Padgett (26)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Frederick Wm. Laing (25)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Ernest H. Tucker (68)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Roy Milhausen (126)	Grand Steward
V. W. Bro. Malcolm J. Brodie (63)	Grand Steward

INSTALLATION AND INVESTITUTE OF OFFICERS

The newly elected and appointed officers were duly installed and invested by M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris, P.G.M., assisted by M. W. Bro. Geo. Moore, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. John Booth as Grand Director of Ceremonies.

PRESENTATION

M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis, Grand Master, presented M. W. Bro. Samuel Harris with the jewel of a Past Grand Master, thanking him

for the impressive way in which he had conducted the Ceremony of Installation and trusted he would have some opportunity of returning the many courtesies received from him during the year, assuring him that all the brethren very greatly appreciated the services he had rendered them during his year of office.

M. W. Bro. Harris replied, thanking M. W. Bro. Ellis and the brethren for the generous support they had given him and especially in the work done for the Grand Master's Fund. He assured one and all of his earnest wish to continue to be an active member of Grand Lodge.

M. W. Bro. Ellis, Grand Master, expressed his thanks and appreciation for the honor conferred on him by Grand Lodge and asked for the co-operation of all members for the ensuing twelve months, for only with their help could a banner year be achieved.

GRAND LODGE CLOSED

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-sixth Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 12:23 o'clock noon, and with prayer by the Acting Grand Chaplain.



Grand Secretary

GRAND MASTER'S WAR DEFENCE FUND

Statement of Donations by Masonic Districts, October, 1940, to June 30, 1941

District No. 1	\$ 6,076.55
District No. 2	1,487.10
District No. 3	2,135.87
District No. 4	1,781.62
District No. 5	612.35
District No. 6	1,118.50
District No. 7	981.94
District No. 8	612.30
District No. 9	240.00
District No. 10	959.41
District No. 11	827.55
District No. 12	2,039.72
District No. 13	1,187.97
District No. 14	448.49
District No. 15	552.56
District No. 16	530.72
District No. 17	211.21
Transferred from Drouth Relief Account	83.58
A. & A.S.R. Bodies, Calgary	1,250.00
A. & A.S.R. Bodies, Edmonton	1,000.00
Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.	1,000.00
Knights Templar, Sovereign Great Priory of Canada	200.00
Total	\$25,337.44

M. W. Bro. Harris especially wishes to thank the Grand Chapter, Knights Templar and the Scottish Rite Bodies of Calgary and Edmonton for their generous gifts in support of this Masonic effort.

GRAND OFFICERS, 1941-42

M. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ellis (124)	Grand Master
3918 - 3rd Street W., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. F. Philip Galbraith (29), Red Deer	Deputy Grand Master
R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ritchie (54)	D.D.G.M. No. 1 Dist.
1336A - 9th Ave. E., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Chas. M. Chalmers (73), Brooks	D.D.G.M. No. 2 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Eric A. Hawkins (81)	D.D.G.M. No. 3 Dist.
11012 - 84th Ave., Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Daniel J. Morkeberg (8), Markerville	D.D.G.M. No. 4 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Lionel J. Shepard (135), Alliance	D.D.G.M. No. 5 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Walter Rice Jones (32)	D.D.G.M. No. 6 Dist.
Box 354, Claresholm	
R. W. Bro. Herbert G. Stretton (4)	D.D.G.M. No. 7 Dist.
1702 - 7th Ave. S., Lethbridge	
R. W. Bro. Thos. J. Cumberland (6), Pincher Creek	D.D.G.M. No. 8 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Robert Topham (120), Consort	D.D.G.M. No. 9 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Figg (117)	D.D.G.M. No. 10 Dist.
9117 - 84th Avenue, Edmonton.	

R. W. Bro. Clarke G. Prendergast (111).....	D.D.G.M. No. 11 Dist.
Box 24, Nobleford	
R. W. Bro. Wm. Gurr (114), R.R. No. 1, Picardville.....	D.D.G.M. No. 12 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Arthur E. Cragg (89), Peace River.....	D.D.G.M. No. 13 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Arthur W. White (132), Hanna.....	D.D.G.M. No. 14 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Gordon P. Puffer (76), Bashaw.....	D.D.G.M. No. 15 Dist.
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R. W. Bro. Frank F. Mitchell (102), Edgerton.....	D.D.G.M. No. 17 Dist.
R. W. Bro. Russell J. Bradley (51).....	Senior Grand Warden
10249 - 104th Street, Edmonton	
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland (9).....	Junior Grand Warden
814 Lancaster Building, Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Major A. J. Davis (23).....	Grand Treasurer
109 - 25th Avenue W., Calgary	
R. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis (6).....	Grand Secretary
Masonic Temple, Calgary	
R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Coote (11).....	Grand Registrar
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In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
SISTER GRAND LODGES



*“Why weep for them, who having won
The bonds of man's appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
Serenely to their final rest have passed;
While the soft memory of their virtues yet
Lingers like twilight hues, when the bright sun is set.”*

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Reverently inscribed to the Honored Dead of Sister Jurisdictions.

<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Name and Rank</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
British		
Columbia	Beck, James Edward, P.G.M.	Dec. 22, 1940
British		
Columbia	Grimmett, Martin Luther, P.G.M.	Dec. 5, 1940
California	Whicher, John, G.S.	Mar. 31, 1941
Colorado	Vaille, Howard T., P.G.M.	May 15, 1940
Delaware	Clarke, Eldad L., P.G.M.	July 21, 1940
Delaware	Lowe, Harry W., P.G.M.	Aug. 23, 1940
Georgia	Baker, Frank Foute, G.S.	April 2, 1941
Florida	Helvenston, Brantley Walker, P.G.M.	Nov. 4, 1940
Florida	Kishpaugh, Ralph J., P.G.M.	April 27, 1941
Florida	Pasco, Samuel, P.G.M.	Dec. 22, 1940
Idaho	Pike, Curtis F., P.G.M.	Jan. 17, 1941
Illinois	Emmerson, Louis Lincoln, P.G.M.	Feb. 4, 1941
Illinois	Wright, William B., P.G.M.	Mar. 23, 1941
Indiana	Funkhouser, Albert W., P.G.M.	Feb. 28, 1941
Kansas	Fowler, Charles Newton, P.G.M.	April 24, 1941
Kansas	Kinkel, John Martin	Mar. 9, 1941
Kentucky	Smith, Virgil Pendleton, P.G.M.	Nov. 28, 1940
Louisiana	Perez, Horace Raymond, Sr., G.S.	Aug. 25, 1940
Maine	Cooke, Harold Elijah, P.G.M.	Dec. 1, 1940
Maine	Davis, Henry Dewey, P.J.G.W.	Feb. 18, 1941
Maine	Lord, Norris Samuel, P.J.G.W.	June 24, 1940
Maine	Redlon, Franklin R., P.J.G.W.	Sept. 10, 1940
Maine	Record, Ernest Jordan, P.J.G.W.	Feb. 9, 1941
Manitoba	Baird, Andrew Browning, P.G.W.	Sept. 22, 1940
Michigan	Bryant, William Richard, G.T.	Jan. 8, 1941
Michigan	Fox, Arthur J., P.G.M.	Oct. 1, 1940
Nebraska	Woodland, Frank H., P.G.W.	Oct. 23, 1940
Nebraska	Viele, Andrew H., P.G.M.	May 9, 1941
Nevada	Aymar, Augustus F., P.G.W.	Nov. 7, 1940
Scotland	Winning, Thos. G., G.S.	Mar. 26, 1941
South Dakota	McMakin, William Jefferson, P.G.M.	Mar. 25, 1941
Virginia	Cowden, William Kennon, P.G.M.	Nov. 9, 1940
Washington	Thompson, Walter James, P.G.M.	Aug. 3, 1940
Washington	Meier, Walter Frederick, P.G.M.	July 19, 1940
Washington	Sutton, William James, P.G.M.	Dec. 2, 1940
Washington	McCormack, James, P.G.M.	Oct. 27, 1940

In Memoriam

OF THE
ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD
OF
OUR OWN JURISDICTION



*"Fading away like the stars of the morning,
Losing their light in the glorious sun,
So do we pass from the earth and its toiling,
Ever remembered by what we have done."*

Memorial Pages

To the honored Dead of our own Jurisdiction

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
1.	Bow River	Doughty, Edward	Jan. 2, 1940
1.	Bow River	Jones, George R.	Sept. 14, 1940
2.	Medicine Hat	Helmer, Frank Herbert	Jan. 30, 1940
2.	Medicine Hat	(*)Nason, Barnam Osborne	Mar. 30, 1940
2.	Medicine Hat	Reid, Daniel S.	Oct. 14, 1940
4.	North Star	MacPherson, Thomas	Sept. 8, 1940
4.	North Star	Ripley, William Herbert	Oct. 28, 1940
4.	North Star	Porter, Gordon Benjamin	Dec. 13, 1940
5.	Cascade	White, David	June 22, 1940
5.	Cascade	Ashton, Herbert Morgan Bevan	Nov. 19, 1940
6.	Spitzie	Plunkett, George D.	July 24, 1940
7.	Edmonton	Mann, James Ivan	May 21, 1940
7.	Edmonton	McLeod, Kenneth Archibald	July 27, 1940
7.	Edmonton	Nisbet, Daniel Storey	Oct. 15, 1940
7.	Edmonton	Dickson, Henry S.	Nov. 21, 1940
7.	Edmonton	Graham, Charles A.	Dec. 21, 1940
8.	Innisfail	Douglas, Henry Warder	June 17, 1940
9.	Perfection	Kembry, Raymond A.	Jan. 23, 1940
9.	Perfection	Tomlinson, James Hickling	Sept. 25, 1940
9.	Perfection	McMurphy, Peter J.	Oct. 5, 1940
9.	Perfection	McKay, Alfred Sydney	Oct. 26, 1940
11.	Acacia	Downes, George Francis	Jan. 24, 1940
11.	Acacia	Murphy, Arthur Charles	Sept. 3, 1940
11.	Acacia	McDonald, George Alfred	Nov. 16, 1940
12.	Red Deer	Wilson, David Blackwood	June 7, 1940
16.	Mountain View	Gilbertson, Sylvester Peter	Aug. 24, 1940
19.	Cornerstone	Dinkel, George William	May 25, 1940
20.	Carstairs	(*)Sutherland, Robert Dunbar	Sept. 23, 1940
22.	Corinthian	Eastcott, Don Revada	April 11, 1940
22.	Corinthian	Suitor, James Alexander	Sept. 2, 1940
22.	Corinthian	Thompson, William J.	Feb. 26, 1940

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
23.	Calgary.....	Cox, Ernest Henry Estens.....	Feb. 26, 1940
23.	Calgary.....	Newbery, Alexander Henry.....	Feb. 12, 1940
23.	Calgary.....	McIntyre, Thomas Albert.....	Oct. 6, 1940
25.	St. John's.....	Reid, James Stanley.....	Sept. 13, 1940
28.	Ashlar.....	Plain, Charles O.....	May 17, 1940
28.	Ashlar.....	Ross, John Peter.....	June 6, 1940
28.	Ashlar.....	Maguire, James Harvey.....	Aug. 19, 1940
28.	Ashlar.....	Miller, James Collins.....	Oct. 3, 1940
28.	Ashlar.....	Hutchinson, William Thos.....	Dec. 2, 1940
30.	Summit.....	Morrison, Alexander M.....	Jan. 21, 1940
30.	Summit.....	Kellock, George.....	Sept. 5, 1940
30.	Summit.....	Blower, Thomas.....	Oct. 15, 1940
32.	Cairo.....	Smith, John Albert.....	April 24, 1940
32.	Cairo.....	Braren, Carl Julius.....	May 9, 1940
34.	Star of the West..	Brock, Lionel M.....	Mar. 25, 1940
35.	Mizpah.....	Porter, Norman Neal.....	May 12, 1940
35.	Mizpah.....	Morrison, John.....	Dec. 29, 1940
36.	Gleichen.....	Gorrill, James F.....	May 9, 1940
37.	Camrose.....	(*)Freeman, Harry Newell.....	Aug. 28, 1940
39.	Lethbridge.....	Christianson, Christian.....	Aug. 31, 1940
40.	Joppa.....	Allison, John Bothwell.....	Jan. 1, 1940
40.	Joppa.....	Peebles, Andrew Scott.....	April 1, 1940
48.	Crossfield.....	(*)Sutherland, Robert Dunbar....	Sept. 23, 1940
51.	Unity.....	Armstrong, John.....	Feb. 26, 1940
51.	Unity.....	Baxter, Robert Bruce.....	July 1, 1940
51.	Unity.....	Campbell, Kenneth Stafford....	July 25, 1940
51.	Unity.....	Mullin, James.....	Dec. 15, 1940
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Rosengren, George F.....	Feb. 11, 1940
54.	Mount Lebanon..	Blick, Walter J.....	Dec. 6, 1940
55.	Bassano.....	Williamson, Fletcher D.....	April 13, 1940
56.	Beaver.....	Bullington, Simon.....	Feb. 23, 1940
56.	Beaver.....	Finlayson, Thomas.....	June 11, 1940
59.	King George....	Cross, Charles.....	Jan. 31, 1940
59.	King George....	Romney, Charles Bell.....	June 28, 1940
59.	King George....	Norsworthy, Francis Joseph....	Sept. 9, 1940
59.	King George....	Matthews, Charles J.....	Sept. 18, 1940
59.	King George....	Morrison, Norman.....	Nov. 30, 1940
60.	Acme.....	Purvis, Neil Henry.....	Feb. 23, 1940
63.	Empire.....	Watson, William John.....	Aug. 9, 1940

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
63.	Empire.....	Samuel, Albert Ernest.....	Nov. 20, 1940
64.	Bow Island..	Jamieson, Samuel G.....	May 27, 1940
65.	Diamond City...	Sherrit, Andrew.....	Oct. 24, 1940
65.	Diamond City...	Christie, Thomas Nichol.....	Dec. 5, 1940
67.	Charity.....	Lakie, Anderson Coutts.....	Mar. 8, 1940
68.	Edson.....	Reid, David.....	April 30, 1940
68.	Edson.....	Colvin, Daniel.....	Aug. 6, 1940
68.	Ed on.....	Rivers, William Ernest.....	Sept. 16, 1940
70.	Quarry.....	Sanderson, Alfred E.....	Dec. 25, 1940
73.	Brooks.....	Halley, Domnick Francis.....	Jan. 31, 1940
73.	Brooks.....	Plummer, Charles Henry.....	May 27, 1940
74.	Vulcan.....	Flood, Albert James.....	June 27, 1940
75.	Harmony.....	Ward, Matthew.....	July 10, 1940
81.	Commercial.....	Hawkins, James Benson.....	Feb. 22, 1940
83.	Zetland.....	McLure, John.....	Feb. 2, 1940
83.	Zetland.....	Green, Nelson.....	Nov. 11, 1940
87.	Crescent.....	Frith, William H.....	Feb. 23, 1940
88.	Wahpun.....	Tomkins, Peter.....	Feb. 17, 1940
88.	Wahpun.....	MacIntyre, Edward Lorne.....	Feb. 15, 1940
89.	Peace River.....	Andrew, George W.....	May 18, 1940
90.	Norwood.....	McQuire, Charles Edgar.....	Sept. 12, 1940
91.	Patricia.....	Sutherland, Daniel R.....	April 1, 1940
92.	Saskatchewan.....	MacIntyre, James Gilbert.....	May 31, 1940
93.	Symbol.....	Falkner, Charles.....	Feb. 16, 1940
93.	Symbol.....	Luck, George.....	May 23, 1940
93.	Symbol.....	Lennon, Robert.....	Dec. 12, 1940
94.	Lamont.....	Foster, George E.....	Dec. 16, 1940
95.	Kitchener.....	Hewitt, James.....	July 26, 1940
96.	Dynamic.....	Shieman, George Henry.....	Aug. 5, 1940
96.	Dynamic.....	Ledingham, Robert Charles.....	Oct. 11, 1940
97.	Albion.....	Atkins, Edgar William.....	1940
97.	Albion.....	Hassall, Herbert.....	Oct. 26, 1940
97.	Albion.....	(*)Freeman, Harry Newall.....	Aug. 28, 1940
100.	Verdigris.....	Caldwell, Montgomery.....	June 17, 1940
101.	West Edmonton..	Wilson, Emberson Mills.....	Sept. 7, 1940
101.	West Edmonton..	Erickson, Charles Gotfrid.....	Sept. 21, 1940
101.	West Edmonton..	Case, Thos. Garfield.....	Oct. 9, 1940
107.	Carbon.....	Poxon, Lawrence Charles Eli.....	Mar. 27, 1940
113.	Cyprus.....	Nelson, Williard Theodore.....	Dec. 28, 1940

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>
114.	Westlock	Cannard, Henry	Dec. 3, 1940
115.	Crocus	Isbister, William Walter	Mar. 31, 1940
116.	Spirit River	McGillivray, Hugh Duncan	Feb. 3, 1940
116.	Spirit River	Jolley, Justinian	Mar. 18, 1940
117.	Dominion	Davey, Hubert Jesse	Oct. 29, 1940
118.	St. Mark's	Patton, Peter Kerr	Nov. 25, 1940
120.	Monitor	Spooner, John Kenneth	June 20, 1940
122.	Rising Sun	Draper, Frederick Clifton	Aug. 23, 1940
124.	Concord	Newman, Sidney A.	Mar. 23, 1940
124.	Concord	Kinney, Willard Archibald	July 9, 1940
124.	Concord	Cool, Thomas Henry Sr.	Nov. 26, 1940
125.	Cavell	Golden, John Richard	1940
126.	Pembina	Dumbrell, Ernest	Dec. 14, 1940
127.	Granite	Burke, Michael Charles	Jan. 1, 1940
128.	Forestburg	Dabbs, Charles Henry	Dec. 11, 1940
132.	Craigmyle	Davey, Thomas	Aug. 4, 1940
132.	Craigmyle	Gibson, Garnet J.	Dec. 23, 1940
133.	Manyberries	Ervine, Samuel	May 5, 1940
134.	Renfrew	Barker, Thomas	April 2, 1940
134.	Renfrew	Levy, Ernest H.	Oct. 10, 1940
136.	Cresset	Cooper, William C. L.	Feb. 11, 1940
139.	Melrose	Gillespie, Dugald C.	June 22, 1940
141.	Efficiency	Stout, Corington	Feb. 21, 1940
142.	Ivanhoe	Madsen, Hans Peter	July 30, 1940
142.	Ivanhoe	Morrison, Charles Ross	Jan. 6, 1940
142.	Ivanhoe	Kilgour, Clifford Stanley	Jan. 13, 1940
142.	Ivanhoe	Pepper, Frank	Mar. 30, 1940
142.	Ivanhoe	Bell, Richard Henry	April 30, 1940
143.	Jasper Park	Rogers, Samuel Maynard	July 30, 1940
143.	Jasper Park	Ewing, Charles	Aug. 26, 1940
143.	Jasper Park	Rimmer, John Featherstone	July 30, 1940
145.	St. Alban's	Robinson, Charles Richard	Sept. ., 1940
151.	Lochearn	Phillips, William John	April 6, 1940
151.	Lochearn	Sande, Samuel	April 25, 1940
151.	Lochearn	Moser, William Henry	Oct. 9, 1940
154.	Waskatenau	Harding, Frederick	Dec. 24, 1940
159.	Lucerne	(*)Nason, Barnam Osborne	Mar. 30, 1940
159.	Lucerne	Porter, Norman Neil	May 12, 1940
		(*)Dual Member.	

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December 31st, 1939
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<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
16.	Mountain View	Scott, Frank Lewis
16.	Mountain View	Mann, Samuel Clifford
16.	Mountain View	Hodgson, William Eric
16.	Mountain View	Gilmore, Reo
16.	Mountain View	Miller, William Henry
27.	Apollo	Braams, Theodore Johannes
34.	Star of the West	McDonald, James
37.	Camrose	Johnston, James
37.	Camrose	Hodgson, Albert Strathcona
57.	Grassy Lake	Hinck, Jesse F.
59.	King George	Rockley, Jesse
87.	Crescent	Mason, George W.
93.	Symbol	Ashman, Alfred William
93.	Symbol	Higgins, William
100.	Verdigris	Oeder, Charles F.
100.	Verdigris	Small, John Robert
131.	Kitscoty	Marfleet, Frederic
138.	Onoway	Erickson, Peter
148.	Mayerthorpe	Houghton, William
148.	Mayerthorpe	Whitney, Bert John

SUSPENSIONS N.P.D.

December 31st, 1940

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
2.	Medicine Hat	Robinson, William E.
2.	Medicine Hat	Highton, Arthur H.
3.	Alberta	Law, Neil Smith
3.	Alberta	Paisley, Frank Albert
3.	Alberta	Reid, Robert McFarland
4.	North Star	Follis, Robert John
4.	North Star	Hay, Thomas
4.	North Star	Hill, William Sherman
7.	Edmonton	Beattie, Thomas
7.	Edmonton	Cook, John
7.	Edmonton	Dalton, James Addison
7.	Edmonton	Dey, Frederick Edgar.
7.	Edmonton	Drummond, Joseph E.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
7.	Edmonton	Hubbard, Sydney Thomas
7.	Edmonton	Jackson, William Oldrieve
7.	Edmonton	Ritchie, Alexander
7.	Edmonton	Thompson, James Henry
7.	Edmonton	Wilson, James
9.	Perfection	Masson, James
9.	Perfection	McVinnie, James
9.	Perfection	Riddle, Wm. I.
9.	Perfection	Rundle, Frederick John
9.	Perfection	Smith, Seth T.
9.	Perfection	Traunweiser, Charles
9.	Perfection	Winter, William
9.	Perfection	Westaway, Richard James
10.	Eureka	McKenzie, William D.
10.	Eureka	Thompson, Loren Lloyd
12.	Red Deer	Douglas, Charles
12.	Red Deer	McCrorie, William Reid
12.	Red Deer	Stewart, James Moore
12.	Red Deer	White, John Bryce
13.	Victoria	Hambly, William John
16.	Mountain View	Gilmore, Rheo Samuel
16.	Mountain View	McKean, Alexander James
16.	Mountain View	Edwards, Stanley
16.	Mountain View	Aikins, Robert Samuel
16.	Mountain View	Thompson, William
18.	Britannia	Lane, George Francis
19.	Cornerstone	Barnett, Harry
19.	Cornerstone	Caspell, Lindsay Ranside
19.	Cornerstone	Durham, Alexander Watson
19.	Cornerstone	Dayment, Richard
19.	Cornerstone	Kiser, Wesley Amil
19.	Cornerstone	Stanley, John William
19.	Cornerstone	Spankie, Herbert Langtry
22.	Corinthian	Bryant, Benjamin T.
22.	Corinthian	Bannerman, Donald Sutherland
22.	Corinthian	Harrison, James
22.	Corinthian	Jamieson, Johnston
22.	Corinthian	Johnson, Wyman H.
22.	Corinthian	King, William A.
22.	Corinthian	McDonald, John Douglas
24.	Vermilion	Tucker, John C.
24.	Vermilion	Stinson, William A.
25.	St. John's	Adams, Walter Joseph
27.	Apollo	Reynolds, Cleveland Verner
27.	Apollo	Davis, James John
27.	Apollo	Baillie, David
27.	Apollo	Cumberland, William
27.	Apollo	McLeod, David A.
28.	Ashlar	Ball, Alfred
28.	Ashlar	Kennedy, John Samuel
28.	Ashlar	Newcombe, Abram Cook
29.	Kenilworth	Gordon, Martin
29.	Kenilworth	Hambly, Ralph
29.	Kenilworth	Marshall, Joseph T.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
29.	Kenilworth	MacLaren, John Gordon
30.	Summit	Mercer, Hugh
32.	Cairo	Myggland, Lars A.
32.	Cairo	Thompson, Ole
37.	Camrose	Code, James Albert
38.	Hope	Shunk, Angus L.
38.	Hope	Jolly, John Dason McLaine
38.	Hope	Cooke, Alfred Adam
38.	Hope	Arnold, Elmer
41.	King Solomon	Camden, William P.
43.	Tuscan	Hauser, John Henry
43.	Tuscan	Wood, Robert Grinton
43.	Tuscan	Reed, William John
44.	Buffalo Park	Dewar, William S.
44.	Buffalo Park	Burr, Leonard Daniel
46.	Palestine	Newbigging, Thomas Prentice
46.	Palestine	Scott, Lawrence Young
46.	Palestine	Schultz, Alfred F.
46.	Palestine	Taylor, Talmadge Wesley
47.	Chinook	Betts, Arthur
47.	Chinook	Brown, William
47.	Chinook	Bennett, Percy Thomas
47.	Chinook	Lighthart, William James
47.	Chinook	Madden, Clifford
51.	Unity	Appleton, Henry Joseph
51.	Unity	Calder, Alexander
54.	Mount Lebanon	Williams, Sidney James
54.	Mount Lebanon	Shepherd, William
55.	Bassano	Smail, Eric Cullen
58.	Chief Mountain	Stacpoole, Henry Blackett
61.	Provost	Roderick, John James
61.	Provost	Espedal, Sven
61.	Provost	Dunaway, William George
65.	Diamond City	Coulson, George Arthur
65.	Diamond City	Thomson, John
66.	St. Andrew's	Grange, Edward Bloor
66.	St. Andrew's	Biggs, George Henry
66.	St. Andrew's	Silcox, Fred
67.	Charity	Morden, Robert Bruce
67.	Charity	Hatton, Thomas James
67.	Charity	Hales, Alfred William
71.	Tawatinaw	Milne, James Maurice
71.	Tawatinaw	Mills, James Purdie
73.	Brooks	Beisiegel, Ervin Jacob
73.	Brooks	Williamson, Robert Barnum
77.	Strathcona	Gold, Wilmer Hazelwood
77.	Strathcona	Roe, Frank Gilbert
77.	Strathcona	Want, Frederick M.
78.	Hanna	Lamson, Maurice C.
78.	Hanna	Noble, William Chisholm
78.	Hanna	Thompson, William Edward
79.	Morning Star	Whyte, Alexander Roy
81.	Commercial	Kirby, Remington

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
81.	Commercial	Herlihy, William [Samuel]
83.	Zetland	Dickson, George Alexander
83.	Zetland	Quint, Walter Southard]]
83.	Zetland	Weir, Gordon Everett
84.	Champion	Ellis, William James
84.	Champion	Henderson, John Douglas
91.	Patricia	Broad, William Francis
91.	Patricia	Brown, William Louis
91.	Patricia	Hendra, William John
91.	Patricia	Luke, Charles Hector
91.	Patricia	Robinson, Elford E.
91.	Patricia	Strachan, John
94.	Lamont	Walters, Richard LeRoy
95.	Kitchener	Byers, George E.
95.	Kitchener	Newsom, Gordon Lloyd
95.	Kitchener	Moore, Ora B.
97.	Albion	Storie, Ralph
97.	Albion	Ryall, Frank Gordon
101.	West Edmonton	Ashcroft, Robert
101.	West Edmonton	Ball, Leslie Henry
101.	West Edmonton	Stevenson, Jas. Fletcher
101.	West Edmonton	Tunstead, Henry Stanley
104.	Oyen	Funnell, Arthur James
104.	Oyen	Peck, Oswald
104.	Oyen	Toland, Norman
105.	Grande Prairie	Gibbons, George
105.	Grande Prairie	Smith, Alex A.
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Cranston, George T.
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Bolin, Ivar Berger
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Allison, David Neilson
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Brensrud, Jens Andreassen
106.	Lake Saskatoon	Hanson, Darre Olaf
114.	Westlock	Aldridge, Hardy Candell
114.	Westlock	Brown, Rhad E.
114.	Westlock	Downing, F. Clare
114.	Westlock	Guest, George James Jr.
114.	Westlock	Loree, Lawrence Henry
114.	Westlock	Munro, Robt. Alex.
114.	Westlock	McLoy, Robt.
114.	Westlock	McRae, Milton E.
114.	Westlock	Smith, Dias C.
117.	Dominion	Conrod, Reginald Campbell
117.	Dominion	Murray, Kenneth
123.	Rockyford	Edgar, Wm.
123.	Rockyford	Lawrence, Leslie
123.	Rockyford	Thorburn, George
124.	Concord	Christopher, Howard Reginald
124.	Concord	Veale, F. W.
124.	Concord	Cool, Thos. H. Jr.
124.	Concord	Duncan, William George
124.	Concord	Kemm, Harold Routh
129.	Meridian	Herbert, George S.
134.	Renfrew	Johnson, Clifford Wilson

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>
137.	Irricana	Jenkins, William
137.	Irricana	Nance, Samuel Joseph
137.	Irricana	Starke, Charles H.
137.	Irricana	Weatherby, Glen
138.	Onoway	Collenridge, Horace
143.	Jasper Park	Hobbins, William Hardley
143.	Jasper Park	Hall, George Augusta
143.	Jasper Park	Sliter, Sanford Young
155.	Earl Haig	Roberts, Bertram Douglas
157.	Sharon	Hilliard, George Frederick H.
158.	Berry Creek	Adams, Elijah Thesis

RESTORATIONS

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
1.	Bow River	Dunn, Frank Ambrose S.	Jan. 3, 1940
1.	Bow River	Sparrow, James Frederick	April 3, 1940
4.	North Star	Jackson, Sydney	Jan. 8, 1940
4.	North Star	Barkeley, John Busby	Mar. 1, 1940
6.	Spitzie	Robinson, Edgar C.	Dec. 3, 1940
8.	Innisfail	Turner, Alfred Thompson	Nov. 21, 1940
9.	Innisfail	Hodge, Hugh	Dec. 30, 1940
9.	Perfection	Colling, Francis Edmond	Mar. 19, 1940
10.	Eureka	Collett, Joseph H. S.	Jan. 3, 1940
10.	Eureka	Taylor, Walter Joseph	Jan. 3, 1940
10.	Eureka	Grant, William	Jan. 1940
10.	Eureka	Scott, Earl E.	Dec. 1940
12.	Red Deer	Bonsall, Frederick W.	Sept. 10, 1940
13.	Victoria	Byers, D. Harris	Jan. 20, 1940
13.	Victoria	Byers, William Frank	Jan. 20, 1940
13.	Victoria	Setter, Neil	Jan. 23, 1940
13.	Victoria	Walls, John	Feb. 2, 1940
13.	Victoria	Byers, William A.	Feb. 10, 1940
13.	Victoria	Grayson, John	Feb. 20, 1940
13.	Victoria	McLean, John Dewey	Feb. 29, 1940
13.	Victoria	McAdie, William B.	Mar. 1, 1940
13.	Victoria	Pettit, Harry C.	Mar. 9, 1940
15.	Wetaskiwin	Schriefels, Jos. N.	Jan. 13, 1940
15.	Wetaskiwin	Elliott, Robert E.	Dec. 19, 1940
16.	Mountain View	Hodgson, William Eric	May 1, 1940
16.	Mountain View	Gilmore, Reo	May 1, 1940
16.	Mountain View	Thomson, Henry Ussher	Nov. 4, 1940
16.	Mountain View	Murray, Walter Woofendale	Nov. 4, 1940
16.	Mountain View	Mann, Samuel Clifford	Dec. 30, 1940
19.	Cornerstone	Leman, Percy George	Nov. 21, 1940
20.	Carstairs	McKay, Angus Donald	June 13, 1940

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23.	Calgary	Kirkpatrick, Henry Robert B.	April 5, 1940
25.	St. John's	Ragan, Harry Butler	Mar. 4, 1940
28.	Ashlar	Macdonald, John	April 11, 1940
28.	Ashlar	Horner, Wilber Henry	Dec. 31, 1940
29.	Kenilworth	Robertson, Alexander	June 24, 1940
31.	Doric	Marsh, Ernest	Jan. 22, 1940
32.	Cairo	Pearson, John Charles	Feb. 20, 1940
32.	Cairo	Ross, William E.	Oct. 8, 1940
32.	Cairo	Watkins, Fred W.	Dec. 17, 1940
34.	Star of the West	McDonald, James	Dec. 31, 1940
36.	Gleichen	Maclean, Peter	Dec. 1940
37.	Camrose	Johnston, James	Feb. 8, 1940
37.	Camrose	Hodgson, Albert Strathcona	Feb. 8, 1940
39.	Lethbridge	Messer, Andrew Cristopher, Jr.	June 20, 1940
43.	Tuscan	Hall, Fred Harold	Jan. 7, 1940
45.	Ionic	Fletcroft, Cleveland Clayton	Aug. 15, 1940
49.	Robert Burns	McKinnon, Robert	Feb. 3, 1940
53.	Strathmore	Edwards, Cecil	Feb. 5, 1940
53.	Strathmore	Kimpton, Fredrick Marshall	Nov. 4, 1940
54.	Mount Lebanon	Thorne, John Thomas	Oct. 8, 1940
55.	Bassano	Cawsey, John Nicholson	Jan. 9, 1940
55.	Bassano	Davis, John Clyde	July 2, 1940
59.	King George	Ashmead, Reginald Sidney W.	Jan. 12, 1940
60.	Aeme	Brown, Lenard Douglas	Oct. 10, 1940
62.	Coal	Miller, Roy Arthur	Nov. 21, 1940
63.	Empire	Collingwood, Eric	Jan. 15, 1940
63.	Empire	Plunkett, David Maurice	Feb. 19, 1940
63.	Empire	Ferrier, Thomas	May 20, 1940
63.	Empire	Jones, Lenard	May 20, 1940
63.	Empire	Heaton, John William	Sept. 16, 1940
64.	Bow Island	Thacker, Herbert	Feb. 20, 1940
68.	Edson	Murie, John Donald	June 6, 1940
68.	Edson	Pitney, Guy B.	Sept. 5, 1940
70.	Quarry	Duggan, Edwin James	Feb. 7, 1940
70.	Quarry	Grinnell, William	Mar. 5, 1940
70.	Quarry	Bainbridge, Ephriam Abbott	Sept. 13, 1940
71.	Tawatinaw	Darwish, James	Mar. 7, 1940
72.	Coronation	Brison, Robert Stanley	Dec. 27, 1940
73.	Brooks	Fairbairn, Earl Ritchie	June 18, 1940
77.	Strathcona	Tiplin, Wilfred J.	Nov. 8, 1940
78.	Hanna	McCuaig, Dugald W.	Jan. 15, 1940
78.	Hanna	Thompson, William Edward	Feb. 24, 1940
78.	Hanna	Kennedy, James	April 3, 1940
81.	Commercial	Mattison, Ralph	Mar. 1940
83.	Zetland	Wilkinson, Russell Brown	Dec. 5, 1940
84.	Champion	Holm, Peter	Dec. 12, 1940
84.	Champion	St. Peter, Nyle Milton	Dec. 12, 1940
90.	Norwood	Ray, Maurice	May 14, 1940
93.	Symbol	Sutherland, George	Sept. 12, 1940
93.	Symbol	Charlins, Clifford D.	Dec. 12, 1940
101.	West Edmonton	Wocks, Albert A.	June 5, 1960
104.	Oyen	Church, John Damon	Mar. 1, 1940
104.	Oyen	Gibson, Arthur	Aug. 2, 1940

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	Knight, William Russell...	Dec. 5, 1940
106.	Lake Saskatoon...	Johnson, Boyd D.....	Dec. 5, 1940
117.	Dominion.....	Patzig, Robert Henry Elois....	Feb. 14, 1940
117.	Dominion.....	Searle, Edward.....	June 5, 1940
122.	Rising Sun.....	Reynolds, Chester Ambrose....	Feb. 14, 1940
122.	Rising Sun.....	Wigglesworth, George Metcalf..	Dec. 11, 1940
123.	Rockyford.....	Gibson, James Wallis.....	Nov. 6, 1940
124.	Concord.....	Christopher, Howard Reginald..	Jan. 23, 1940
124.	Concord.....	Karran, Cecil Edward.....	Feb. 3, 1940
124.	Concord.....	Butler, George F.....	Sept. 7, 1940
124.	Concord.....	Dennis, Floyd C.....	Nov. 5, 1940
124.	Concord.....	Clarke, Evelyn Geo.....	Dec. 7, 1940
134.	Renfrew.....	Macdonald, Elmer Carlyle....	Feb. 12, 1940
134.	Renfrew.....	McLaren, George.....	Feb. 12, 1940
138.	Onoway.....	Bramley, Wm.....	Jan. 4, 1940
142.	Ivanhoe.....	Greene, Wm. Harvey.....	Feb. 18, 1940
143.	Jasper Park.....	Younie, Alexander Stuart.....	July 22, 1940
149.	Rosebud.....	Brunner, Dale William.....	June 19, 1940
153.	Whitecourt.....	Wescott, Albert Edward.....	Dec. 4, 1940

Lodge Directory

No.	Lodge	Secretary	Address	Regular Meeting
1.	Bow River.....	E. W. Thomas.....	909-414 Ave. N.W., Calgary.	First Wednesday in each month.
2.	Medicine Hat.....	W. H. Williams.....	406 Dundee St., Medicine Hat.	Second Tuesday in each month.
3.	Alberta.....	G. R. Davis.....	Macleod.....	Third Wednesday in each month.
4.	North Star.....	W. M. Edwards.....	P. O. Box 402, Lethbridge.	Second Monday in each month.
5.	Cascade.....	T. A. Dunsmore.....	Banff.....	Second Thursday in each month.
6.	Spitzale.....	C. B. Ross.....	Pincer Creek.....	First Tuesday in each month.
7.	Edmonton.....	F. Barnhouse.....	Box 34, Edmonton.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
8.	Innisfail.....	W. C. A. Wait.....	Innisfail.....	Third Thursday in each month.
9.	Perfection.....	C. S. Evans.....	22 Union Bldg., Calgary	First Thursday in each month.
10.	Eureka.....	D. F. Chisholm.....	Edmonton.....	Second Thursday in each month.
11.	Acacia.....	S. P. Dalton.....	9740 76th Ave., Edmonton.	First Wednesday in each month.
12.	Red Deer.....	A. G. Ayres.....	Red Deer.....	Second Thursday in each month.
13.	Victoria.....	F. H. Walton.....	Red Deer.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
14.	Jasper.....	H. Sandilands.....	Red Deer.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
15.	Wetaskiwin.....	Harry G. Smith.....	9258-91st St., Edmonton.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
16.	Mountain View.....	A. A. Dunkley.....	Wetaskiwin.....	Second Monday in each month.
17.	Nanton.....	Dr. G. E. McKeage.....	Olds.....	First Monday in each month.
18.	Britannia.....	R. W. McWilliam.....	Nanton.....	Second Thursday in each month.
19.	Cornerstone.....	J. F. Casteel.....	Ponoka.....	First Thursday in each month.
20.	Carstairs.....	A. S. Gough.....	High River.....	Third Thursday in each month.
21.	King Hiram.....	H. Morgan.....	Carstairs.....	Second Thursday in each month.
22.	Corinthian.....	G. C. S. Paterson.....	Didsbury.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
23.	Calgary.....	J. A. McBurney.....	Okeboke.....	First Tuesday in each month.
24.	Vermilion.....	H. J. Payne.....	P. O. Box 416, Calgary.	First Friday in each month.
25.	St. John's.....	F. W. Laing.....	Vermilion.....	First Tuesday in each month.
26.	Sentinel.....	F. Padgett (Actg.).....	Vermilion.....	First Monday in each month.
27.	Apollo.....	Dr. N. W. Connolly.....	Hillcrest.....	Second Thursday in each month.
28.	Ashlar.....	J. W. Quinney.....	Stettler.....	First Monday in each month.
29.	Kennilworth.....	J. Cuthbertson.....	808-16th Ave. W., Calgary	Second Thursday in each month.
30.	Summit.....	A. M. W. Cooke.....	Red Deer.....	First Tuesday in each month.
31.	Doric.....	W. Gidman.....	Coleman.....	First Thursday in each month.
32.	Cairo.....	L. T. Hutton.....	Taber.....	Second Tuesday in each month.
33.	Stavely.....	M. E. Malchow.....	Clareholm.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
34.	Star of the West.....	R. M. Coote.....	Leduc.....	First Tuesday in each month.
35.	Mizpah.....	A. G. Finch.....	645-2nd Street, Medicine Hat.	First Tuesday in each month.
36.	Gleichen.....	A. F. MacCallum.....	Box 272, Gleichen.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
37.	Camrose.....	F. F. Bailey.....	Camrose.....	Second Thursday in each month.
38.	Hope.....	W. N. Crooks.....	Manville.....	Monday, on or before full moon.
39.	Lethbridge.....	E. J. Rossiter.....	P. O. Box 537, Lethbridge.	Third Thursday in each month.
40.	Joppa.....	Don Muir.....	Granum.....	Second Thursday in each month.

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41.	King Solomon.	A. Moore.	Cochrane.	Third Thursday in each month.
42.	Treasure.	W. J. Henderson.	Bowden.	Second Tuesday in each month.
43.	Truman.	Wm. G. Cair.	Killam.	First Wednesday in each month.
44.	Buffalo Park.	J. Robinson.	Wainwright.	First Wednesday in each month.
45.	Lonic.	W. C. Tulman.	Alir.	Thursday, before full moon.
46.	Peladee.	David K. Allan.	Tofield.	Third Tuesday in each month.
47.	Chinook.	M. A. Murphy.	Cowley.	Monday, on or before full moon.
48.	Cresfield.	S. Willis.	Cresfield.	Second Tuesday in each month.
49.	Robert Burns.	F. J. Whitmarsh.	Hardisty.	Second Monday in each month.
50.	Unity.	F. W. Ingram.	Hardisty.	Second Wednesday in each month.
51.	Strathmore.	W. S. Paterson.	9350-108th Ave., Edmonton.	First Tuesday in each month.
52.	Mount Lebanon.	N. McRehne.	Strathmore.	First Monday in each month.
53.	Beaver.	H. H. Beebe.	1413-3rd St. N.W., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
54.	Grassy Lake.	Wm. Marshall.	Castor.	First Wednesday in each month.
55.	Chief Mountain.	Wm. Ralsbeck.	Grassy Lake.	Second Tuesday in each month.
56.	King George.	H. Whitford.	P. O. Box 11, Carleton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
57.	Aune.	J. H. Fulkard.	1126 Kensington Road, Calgary.	Third Tuesday in each month.
58.	Protest.	W. G. Fox.	Aune.	Second Friday in each month.
59.	Empire.	C. B. Sarjeant.	Bowden.	Third Tuesday, on or before full moon.
60.	Down Island.	J. Martland.	9618-105th St., Edmonton.	Third Tuesday in each month.
61.	Diamond City.	H. R. Stephens.	Row Island.	Third Monday in each month.
62.	St. Andrew's.	P. T. Fuller.	Kipp.	Third Tuesday in each month.
63.	Charity.	W. M. Martin.	431-12th St. A. N., Lethbridge.	First Tuesday in each month.
64.	Edson.	H. B. Collier.	P. O. Box 110, Edson.	Second Thursday in each month.
65.	Connaught.	J. R. W. Cann.	Viking.	First Thursday in each month.
66.	Quarry.	J. D. Galloway.	Box 242, Redcliff.	First Tuesday in each month.
67.	Tawadnaw.	A. W. Thoroughman.	Atabasca.	First Tuesday in each month.
68.	Coronation.	Chas. S. Galbraith.	Verdun.	Second Monday in each month.
69.	Brooks.	A. W. McVey.	Brooks.	Third Tuesday, on or before full moon.
70.	Vulcan.	W. C. Reed.	Vulcan.	Third Tuesday in each month.
71.	Harmony.	J. P. Hume.	Sedgewick.	First Tuesday in each month.
72.	Fidelity.	H. C. Neal.	10929-81st Ave., Edmonton.	Monday, on or before full moon.
73.	Strathcona.	G. W. Burkell.	Hanna.	Second Friday in each month.
74.	Manna.	A. P. Olsen.	Louisa.	First Wednesday in each month.
75.	Morning Star.	H. B. Phipps.	Box 35, Strathmore.	Third Tuesday in each month.
76.	Excelsior.	G. B. Thorn.	9456-143rd St., Edmonton.	First Thursday in each month.
77.	Commercial.	W. S. Cummings.	Verdun.	First Saturday in each month.
78.	Acadia.	C. F. Cameron.	1312-7th St. N.W., Calgary.	First Tuesday, on or before full moon.
79.	Zetland.	G. L. Dupue.	Champion.	First Thursday in each month.
80.	Champion.			Second Thursday in each month.

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86.	Rocky Mountain.	J. R. McLeod.	Box 2033, Blairmore.	Second Monday in each month.
87.	Crescent.	M. Currie.	607-17th Ave. N.W., Calgary.	Second Tuesday in each month.
88.	Walpun.	A. B. Elliott.	High Prairie.	Thursday, on or after full moon.
89.	Peace River.	T. A. Norris.	Peace River.	First Thursday in each month.
90.	Norwood.	J. W. Horrocks.	9918-104th St., Edmonton.	Second Tuesday in each month.
91.	Patricia.	J. L. Mellish.	Box 491, Edmonton.	Third Friday in each month.
92.	Saskatchewan.	E. Hollingsworth.	7921-96th St., Edmonton.	Second Thursday in each month.
93.	Symbol.	J. H. Weir.	Drumheller.	Second Monday in each month.
94.	Lamont.	A. H. Bennett.	Lamont.	Second Thursday in each month.
95.	Kitchener.	H. N. Taylor.	Rimby.	First Tuesday in each month.
96.	Dynamic.	N. L. Campbell.	Holden.	First Wednesday in each month.
97.	Albion.	Gerald L. Berry.	Chauvin.	First Thursday in each month.
98.	Hard Hill.	D. H. Campbell.	Della.	Third Tuesday in each month.
100.	Verdugris.	W. Bridge.	Milk River.	Third Wednesday in each month.
101.	West Edmonton.	F. F. Mitchell.	12843-121st St., Edmonton.	Monday, on or before full moon.
102.	Edgerton.	D. A. Brown.	Edgerton.	First Wednesday in each month.
103.	Foremost.	C. Stewart.	Foremost.	First Tuesday in each month.
104.	Oyen.	L. Kovensky.	Oyen.	Second Thursday in each month.
105.	Grande Prairie.	A. E. W. Roberts.	Grande Prairie.	First Thursday in each month.
106.	Lake Saskatoon.	S. E. Torrance.	Wendley.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
107.	Carbon.	E. W. Frost.	Carbon.	First Thursday in each month.
108.	Kraund.	I. Richards.	Lomond.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
110.	Kilwinning.	E. Rubie.	Linisree.	Third Thursday in each month.
111.	Nobleford.	Wm. Hare.	P. O. Box 60, Nobleford.	Third Monday in each month.
113.	Cyprus.	H. J. Westphal.	Box 23, Clearville.	Second Tuesday in each month.
114.	Crook.	R. W. Price.	Box 23, Clearville.	Third Wednesday in each month.
116.	Peace River.	G. A. Thompson.	Peace River.	First Thursday in each month.
117.	Domtun.	D. Burdon.	Domtun.	Wednesday, on or after full moon.
118.	St. Mark's.	C. R. W. Ford.	1824-15th St. S.W., Calgary.	Third Monday in each month.
120.	York.	G. A. Thompson.	Box 301, Lethbridge.	Second Wednesday in each month.
122.	Milton.	D. Burdon.	Conort.	First Tuesday in each month.
123.	Rising Sun.	C. R. W. Ford.	Gadsby.	Second Thursday in each month.
124.	Rockyford.	G. J. McKay.	Rockford.	Second Wednesday in each month.
125.	Concord.	J. Y. Greenwood.	210-38th St. N.W., Calgary.	Fourth Monday in each month.
126.	Pembina.	P. Hulsead.	Lonsana.	First Thursday in each month.
127.	Granby.	H. Andrews.	Sagado.	First Monday in each month.
128.	Forestburg.	H. Andrews.	Blackfoot.	First Wednesday in each month.
129.	Meridian.	Jas. Mallett.	Forestburg.	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
130.	Husar.	H. B. Stitt.	St. Mary's.	Second Wednesday in each month.
131.	Kitscoty.	J. G. Inglis.	Husar.	Second Monday in each month.
132.	Craigville.	A. W. Read.	Kitscoty.	Tuesday, on or before full moon.
133.	Manyberries.	G. O. Britney.	Craigville.	Third Thursday in each month.

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134.	Renfrew.....	C. S. B. Leit.....	616-23rd Ave. W., Calgary.....	Second Monday in each month.
135.	Alliance.....	N. B. Anderson.....		First Wednesday in each month.
136.	Cresset.....	J. A. Gow.....	Barons.....	First Monday in each month.
137.	Urticaria.....	J. H. Coldwell.....	Kathryn.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
138.	Onoway.....	E. T. Longman.....	Onoway.....	First Wednesday in each month.
139.	Big Valley.....	Frank Dewar.....	Big Valley.....	First Tuesday in each month.
140.	Efficiency.....	J. H. Cochrane.....	Hughenden.....	First Monday in each month.
141.		J. H. Hadill.....	10178-118th St. Edmonton.....	Third Thursday in each month.
142.	Evanshoe.....	E. T. Williams.....	Box 353, Jasper.....	Second Thursday in each month.
143.	Jasper Park.....		Irma.....	Third Thursday in each month.
144.	Gratton.....	W. S. Reeds.....	St. Paul, Box 107.....	Fourth Saturday in each month.
145.	St. Albans.....	W. G. Fuller.....	Drumheller.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
146.	Northland.....	H. A. Evans.....	Fairview.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
147.	Mayethorpe.....	E. C. Martin.....	Mayethorpe.....	Thursday, on or before full moon.
148.		C. C. Hazen.....	Rocky Mountain House.....	Third Tuesday in each month.
149.	Loon Lake.....	J. Horne.....	Standard.....	First Thursday in each month.
150.	Standard.....	F. D. Knowlton.....	Whitecourt.....	Third Monday in each month.
151.	Waskananau.....	Thos. G. Govenlock.....	P. O. Box 48, Waskananau.....	First Wednesday in each month.
152.	Hythe.....	F. J. Henry.....	Barrihead.....	Second Monday in each month.
153.	Earl Haig.....	L. A. Mason.....	Beaver Lodge.....	Last Thursday in each month.
154.	Sharon.....	A. H. Abbott.....	Iron Springs.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
155.	Berry Creek.....	Robt. Arthur.....	Sunnybrook.....	Fourth Wednesday in each month.
156.	Lucerne.....	John A. Luky.....	Sauxhall.....	First Tuesday in each month.
157.		C. E. Dewhurst.....	Sexsmith.....	Second Wednesday in each month.
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1	Bow River	199	3	3	3	2	2	1			2	203	4	
2	Medicine Hat	248	2	2	4			4			3	241		7
3	Alberta	79							3			76		3
4	North Star	189	2	2	2		2	8	3		3	179		10
5	Cascade	142						4			2	136		6
6	Spitzie (*)	65	13	11	8	2	1	1			1	79	14	
7	Edmonton	218	7	7	7	7		5	10		5	212		6
8	Innisfail	72	1	2	2	1	2	5			1	70		2
9	Perfection	287	5	5	5	5	1	4	8		4	282		5
10	Eureka	92	1	2	1	1	4	1	2			95	3	
11	Acacia	183	3	3	3	3		3			3	183		
12	Red Deer	102	2	2	3		1	3	4		1	97		5
13	Victoria	31				1	9	1	1			39	8	
14	Jasper	125	1	1	2	1		6				121		4
15	Wetaskiwin	92	1				2	2				93	1	
16	Mountain View*	76				1	5	3	10		1	68		8
17	Nanton	67				1						68	1	
18	Britannia	75	2	2	2				1			76	1	
19	Cornerstone	130	7	4	4		1		7		1	130		
20	Carstairs	24					1				1	24		
21	King Hiram	62	4	4	4							66	4	
22	Corinthian	144	4	4	4	2		6	7		3	134		10
23	Calgary	154	2	1	1	4	1	4			3	154		
24	Vermilion	103	5	5	5			2	2			104	1	
25	St. John's	102	1	1	2	2	1	3	1		1	101		1
26	Sentinel	55	5	5	5			3				57	2	
27	Apollo	100	1	1	1			5	6			90		10
28	Ashlar	149				2	2	6	3		5	139		10
29	Kenilworth	72	11	7	6	7	1	2	4			85	13	
30	Summit	55	1	1				2	1		3	50		5
31	Doric	38	5	5	5	2	1					46	8	
32	Cairo	58	2	2	2	2	3	3	2		2	58		
33	Stavely	45	3	2	2			1				47	2	
34	Star of the West	57					1	1	1		1	55		2
35	Mizpah	129	1	1	1			1			2	127		2
36	Gleichen	62	1		1	1	1	4			1	60		2
37	Camrose	83	6	4	4	2	2	4	3		1	85	2	
38	Hope	41				1			4			38		3
39	Lethbridge	132	1	2	1	4	1	1			1	136	4	
40	Joppa	37									2	35		2
41	King Solomon	36						1	1			34		2
42	Bowden	48			1							48		
43	Tuscan	48	2	1	1		1	1	3			47		1
44	Buffalo Park	58						2	2			54		4

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45	Ionic.....(†)	28	2	2	2	29	1	..	..	..	..	60	32	..
46	Palestine.....	43	1	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	..	41	..	2
47	Chinook.....	29	1	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	25	..	4
48	Crossfield.....	47	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	45	..	2
49	Robert Burns....	26	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	28	2	..
50	Comet.....	27	6	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	6	..
51	Unity.....	309	3	4	4	1	..	2	2	..	4	305	..	4
53	Strathmore.....	61	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	63	2	..
54	Mount Lebanon..	167	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	..	2	159	..	8
55	Bassano.....	61	1	1	2	..	2	4	1	..	1	58	..	3
56	Beaver.....	58	1	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	2	55	..	3
57	Grassy Lake.....	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	25	..	1
58	Chief Mountain..	33	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	..	33	..	..
59	King George.....	251	4	5	7	..	1	3	1	..	5	247	..	4
60	Acme.....	42	3	5	6	1	1	..	..	..	1	46	4	..
61	Provost.....	38	7	7	8	..	..	2	3	..	..	40	2	..
62	Coal.....	35	3	3	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	38	3	..
63	Empire.....	91	..	..	..	3	5	5	..	..	2	92	1	..
64	Bow Island.....	55	4	4	3	..	1	1	..	..	1	58	3	..
65	Diamond City....	34	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	2	29	..	5
66	St. Andrew's.....	57	2	1	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	53	..	4
67	Charity.....	62	1	2	2	..	..	..	3	..	1	59	..	3
68	Edson.....	148	..	..	3	..	2	1	..	..	3	146	..	2
69	Connaught.....	30	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	1	..
70	Fidelity.....	36	2	2	3	..	3	1	..	..	1	39	3	..
71	Tawatinaw.....	28	2	2	3	..	1	2	2	..	..	27	..	1
72	Coronation.....	54	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	55	1	..
73	Brooks.....	80	8	8	7	1	1	1	2	..	2	85	5	..
74	Vulcan.....	77	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	76	..	1
75	Harmony.....	31	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	29	..	2
76	Fidelity.....	61	2	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	2	..
77	Strathcona.....	147	3	3	1	..	1	2	3	..	..	146	..	1
78	Hanna.....	67	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	..	..	69	2	..
79	Morning Star (*)	33	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	31	..	2
80	Excelsior.....	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	..	..
81	Commercial.....	135	4	5	5	2	1	3	2	..	1	136	1	..
82	Acadia.....	38	6	6	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	43	5	..
82	Zetland.....	216	3	4	3	3	1	2	3	..	2	216	..	..
84	Champion.....	38	..	..	..	1	2	..	3	..	..	38	..	..
86	Rocky Mountain..	49	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	51	2	..
87	Crescent.....	175	4	4	4	4	..	4	1	..	1	177	2	..
88	Wahpun.....	41	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	2	39	..	2
89	Peace River.....	62	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	63	1	..
90	Norwood.....	81	4	4	4	1	1	..	..	..	1	86	5	..

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136	Cresset.....	25	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	26	1	..
137	Irricana.....	53	2	2	..	3	..	1	4	..	..	53	..	..
138	Onoway.....(*)	22	1	1	1	..	1	..	2	..	..	22	..	..
139	Melrose.....	20	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	1	16	..	4
140	Big Valley.....	36	4	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	40	4	..
141	Efficiency.....	33	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	32	..	1
142	Ivanhoe.....	159	1	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	5	158	..	1
143	Jasper Park.....	76	1	2	5	1	1	3	3	..	3	70	..	6
144	Gratton.....	27	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	27	..	..
145	St. Alban's.....	48	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	48	..	..
146	Drumbeller.....	58	2	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	..	60	2	..
147	Northland.....	41	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	42	1	..
148	Mayerthorpe.....	29	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	29	..	..
149	Rosebud... (†)	13	..	..	..	..	1	14	..	..	..	..	..	13
151	Lochearn.....	57	5	4	3	5	..	..	..	..	3	64	7	..
152	Standard.....	20	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	21	1	..
153	Whitecourt.....	27	3	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	31	4	..
154	Waskatenau.....	18	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	17	..	1
155	Earl Haig.....	25	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	24	..	1
156	Hythe.....	25	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	27	2	..
157	Sharon.....	22	2	3	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	23	1	..
158	Berry Creek.....	34	6	10	10	1	..	1	1	..	..	39	5	..
159	Lucerne.....	22	5	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	2	25	3	..
160	Sexsmith.....	24	..	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	25	1	..
		10821	291	289	291	149	103	265	205	1	147	10746	214	288

(*) Membership corrected.

(†) Ancient Landmark No. 109 amalgamated with Ionic No. 45.

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California.....	Leon O. Whitsell.....	Masonic Temple, San Francisco.
Canada.....	E. G. Dixon.....	P.O. Box 227, Hamilton, Ontario.
Czechoslovakia (Less- ing).....		
Czechoslovakia (Na- tional).....		
Chile.....	E. A. Saldias.....	Casilla No. 2867, Santiago, Chile.
Colorado.....	Chas. A. Patton.....	319 Masonic Temple, Denver.
Connecticut.....	Winthrop Buck.....	Masonic Temple, Hartford.
Costa Rica.....	Edward Sasso.....	Apartado Y, San Jose.
Cuba.....	C. P. Gutierrez.....	Habana.
Delaware.....	Chester R. Jones.....	818 Market St., Wilmington.
Denmark.....		
District of Columbia.....	J. Claude Keiper.....	Masonic Temple, Washington, D.C.
England.....	Sydney A. White.....	Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen St., London.
Florida.....	Geo. W. Huff.....	Masonic Temple, Jacksonville. (W.C.2.)
France (Nat'l G. L.).....		
Georgia.....	Frank F. Baker.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Clyde I. Rush.....	Box 1677, Boise.
Illinois.....	Richard C. Davenport.....	Harriburg.
Indiana.....	W. H. Swints.....	Masonic Temple, Indianapolis
Iowa.....	C. C. Hunt.....	Masonic Library, Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Henry C. Shellard.....	Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth St., Dublin.
Kansas.....	Elmer F. Strain.....	Topeka
Kentucky.....	A. E. Orton.....	200 Shubert Bldg., Louisville.
Louisiana.....	D. P. Laguene Jr.....	333 St. Charles St., New Orleans
Maine.....	C. E. Leach.....	Masonic Temple, Portland.
Manitoba.....	J. H. G. Russell.....	Masonic Temple, Winnipeg
Maryland.....	Claud Shaffer.....	Masonic Temple, Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Frank H. Hilton.....	Boston
Mexico (York G. L.).....	Fred T. Berger.....	Apartado 1986, Mexico City
Michigan.....	F. Homer Newton.....	Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	John H. Anderson.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	Sid F. Curtis.....	Meridian.
Missouri.....	Arthur Mather.....	Masonic Temple, 3681 Lindell Blvd., St.
Montana.....	Luther T. Hauberg.....	Box 896, Helena. [Louis]
Nebraska.....	Lewis E. Smith.....	401 Masonic Temple, Omaha
Nevada.....	E. C. Peterson.....	Carson City
New Brunswick.....	Robt. D. Magee.....	P.O. Box 430, St. John.
New Hampshire.....	J. M. Dresser.....	3 North Main St., Concord.
New Jersey.....	Isaac Cherry.....	Masonic Temple, Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Box 535, Albuquerque.
New South Wales.....	Jas. S. Miller.....	Masonic Hall, Castlereagh St., Sydney.
New York.....	Chas. H. Johnson.....	Masonic Hall, 71 W. 23rd St., New York
New Zealand.....	H. A. Lamb.....	P.O. Box 56, Auckland, C.I. (City)
North Carolina.....	John H. Anderson.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo.
Norway.....		
Nova Scotia.....	James C. Jones.....	Freemasons' Hall, Halifax.
Ohio.....	Harry S. Johnson.....	E. 5th St., Masonic Temple, Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	C. A. Sturgeon.....	Guthrie.
Oregon.....	D. R. Cheney.....	Masonic Temple, Portland
Paraiba (Brazil).....	Jose C. C. Nobrega.....	Caixa Postal No. 3, Joao Pessoa.
Peru.....	H. G. Colmenares.....	Apartado No. 587, Lima.
Pennsylvania.....	M. Galt.....	Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.
Philippine Islands.....	Antonio Gonzalez.....	520 San Marcelino, Manila.
Prince Edward Island.....	Chas. M. Williams.....	P.O. Box 112, Charlottetown
Puerto Rico.....	R. Ramirez-Pabon.....	Masonic Temple, San Juan.
Quebec.....	W. W. Williamson.....	1559 St. Mark St., Montreal.
Queensland.....	L. P. Marks.....	Masonic Hall, Alice Street, Brisbane.
Rhode Island.....	Harold L. McAuslan.....	Freemasons' Hall, Providence.
Roumania (United).....		
Saskatchewan.....	Robt. A. Tate.....	Box 246, Regina.
Scotland.....	T. G. Winning.....	Freemasons' Hall, 96 George St., Edinburgh
South Australia.....	R. Owen Fox.....	Box 19, Rundle St., Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	O. Frank Hart.....	Columbia.
South Dakota.....	W. D. Swain.....	Sioux Falls.
Switzerland (Alpina).....		
Tasmania.....	W. H. Strutt.....	117 Macquarie Street, Hobart.
Tennessee.....	T. E. Doss.....	Nashville
Texas.....	Geo. H. Belew.....	Waco.
Utah.....	S. H. Goodwin.....	Salt Lake City.
Venezuela.....	M. S. Frija.....	Apartado 927, Caracas.
Vermont.....	Archie S. Harriman.....	Masonic Temple, Burlington.
Victoria.....	William Stewart.....	25 Collins Street, Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Jas. M. Cliff.....	Masonic Temple, Richmond
Washington.....	Horace W. Tyler.....	Tacoma.
Western Australia.....	A. E. Jensen.....	Freemasons' Hall, Perth
West Virginia.....	I. W. Coffman.....	P.O. Box 346, Charleston.
Wisconsin.....	Wm. F. Weiler.....	705 E. Wells St., Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	Jos. M. Lowndes.....	Masonic Temple, Casper.

Elected at Its Foundation on the 12th Day of October, 1905, and Annually Thereafter

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LIST OF LODGES BY MASONIC DISTRICTS

DISTRICT No. 1

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Geo. F. Ritchie (54)

No. 1	Bow River.....	Calgary
No. 5	Cascade.....	Banff
No. 9	Perfection.....	Calgary
No. 23	Calgary.....	Calgary
No. 28	Ashlar.....	Calgary
No. 36	Gleichen.....	Gleichen
No. 41	King Solomon.....	Cochrane
No. 48	Crossfield.....	Crossfield
No. 53	Strathmore.....	Strathmore
No. 54	Mount Lebanon.....	Calgary
No. 59	King George.....	Calgary
No. 83	Zetland.....	Calgary
No. 87	Crescent.....	Calgary
No. 118	St. Mark's.....	Calgary
No. 124	Concord.....	Calgary
No. 134	Renfrew.....	Calgary

DISTRICT No. 2

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Chas. M. Chalmers (73)

No. 2	Medicine Hat.....	Medicine Hat
No. 35	Mizpah.....	Medicine Hat
No. 55	Bassano.....	Bassano
No. 57	Grassy Lake.....	Grassy Lake
No. 64	Bow Island.....	Bow Island
No. 70	Quarry.....	Redcliff
No. 73	Brooks.....	Brooks
No. 133	Manyberries.....	Manyberries

DISTRICT No. 3

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Eric A. Hawkins (81)

No. 7	Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 15	Wetaskiwin.....	Wetaskiwin
No. 34	Star of the West.....	Leduc
No. 51	Unity.....	Edmonton
No. 68	Edson.....	Edson
No. 81	Commercial.....	Edmonton
No. 129	Meridian.....	Stony Plain
No. 143	Jasper Park.....	Jasper

DISTRICT No. 4

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Daniel J. Morkeberg (8)

No. 8	Innisfail.....	Innisfail
No. 10	Eureka.....	Lacombe
No. 12	Red Deer.....	Red Deer
No. 16	Mountain View.....	Olds
No. 18	Britannia.....	Ponoka
No. 20	Carstairs.....	Carstairs
No. 21	King Hiram.....	Didsbury
No. 29	Kenilworth.....	Red Deer
No. 42	Bowden.....	Bowden
No. 95	Kitchener.....	Rimbey
No. 151	Lochearn.....	Rocky Mt. House

DISTRICT No. 5

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Lionel J. Sheperd (135)

No. 37	Camrose.....	Camrose
No. 43	Tuscan.....	Killam
No. 50	Comet.....	Hardisty
No. 61	Provost.....	Provost
No. 62	Melrose.....	Bawlf
No. 75	Harmony.....	Sedgewick
No. 79	Morning Star.....	Lougheed
No. 80	Excelsior.....	Strome
No. 128	Forestburg.....	Forestburg
No. 135	Alliance.....	Alliance
No. 141	Efficiency.....	Hughenden

DISTRICT No. 6

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Walter Rice Jones (32)

No. 17	Nanton.....	Nanton
No. 19	Cornerstone.....	High River
No. 22	Corinthian.....	Okotoks
No. 32	Cairo.....	Claresholm
No. 33	Stavely.....	Stavely
No. 40	Joppa.....	Granum

DISTRICT No. 7

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Herbert J. Stretton (4)

No. 4	North Star.....	Lethbridge
No. 31	Doric.....	Taber
No. 39	Lethbridge.....	Lethbridge
No. 58	Chief Mountain.....	Cardston
No. 65	Diamond City.....	Coalhurst
No. 67	Charity.....	Lethbridge
No. 100	Verdigris.....	Milk River
No. 103	Foremost.....	Foremost
No. 119	York.....	Lethbridge
No. 157	Sharon.....	Picture Butte
No. 159	Lucerne.....	Vauxhall

DISTRICT No. 8

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Thos. J. Cumberland (6)

No. 3	Alberta.....	Macleod
No. 6	Spitzie.....	Pincher Creek
No. 26	Sentinel.....	Hillcrest
No. 30	Summit.....	Coleman
No. 47	Chinook.....	Cowley
No. 86	Rocky Mountain.....	Blairmore

DISTRICT No. 9

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Robert Topham (120)

No. 27	Apollo.....	Stettler
No. 45	Ionic.....	Alix
No. 56	Beaver.....	Castor
No. 72	Coronation.....	Coronation
No. 120	Monitor.....	Consort
No. 122	Rising Sun.....	Gadsby
No. 140	Big Valley.....	Big Valley

DISTRICT No. 10

D.D.G.M.- R. W. Bro. Ernest A. Figg (117)

No. 11	Acacia.....	Edmonton
No. 13	Victoria.....	Ft. Saskatchewan
No. 24	Vermilion.....	Vermilion
No. 25	St. John's.....	Vegreville
No. 38	Hope.....	Mannville
No. 63	Empire.....	Edmonton
No. 90	Norwood.....	Edmonton
No. 94	Lamont.....	Lamont
No. 110	Kilwinning.....	Innisfree
No. 117	Dominion.....	Edmonton
No. 131	Kitscoty.....	Kitscoty
No. 145	St. Alban's.....	St. Paul
No. 154	Waskatenau.....	Waskatenau

DISTRICT No. 11

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Clarke G. Prendergast (111)

No. 49	Robert Burns.....	Carmangay
No. 74	Vulcan.....	Vulcan
No. 84	Champion.....	Champion
No. 108	Pyramid.....	Lomond
No. 111	Nobleford.....	Nobleford
No. 127	Granite.....	Blackie
No. 136	Cresset.....	Barons.

DISTRICT No. 12

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Gurr (114)

No. 14	Jasper.....	Edmonton
No. 71	Tawatinaw.....	Athabasca
No. 77	Strathcona.....	Edmonton
No. 91	Patricia.....	Edmonton
No. 92	Saskatchewan.....	Edmonton
No. 101	West Edmonton.....	Edmonton
No. 114	Westlock.....	Westlock
No. 126	Pembina.....	Sangudo
No. 138	Onoway.....	Onoway
No. 142	Ivanhoe.....	Edmonton
No. 148	Mayerthorpe.....	Mayerthorpe
No. 153	Whitecourt.....	Whitecourt
No. 155	Earl Haig.....	Barrhead

DISTRICT No. 13

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Arthur E. Cragg (89)

No. 88	Wahpun.....	High Prairie
No. 89	Peace River.....	Peace River
No. 105	Grande Prairie.....	Grande Prairie
No. 106	Lake Saskatoon.....	Wembley
No. 116	Spirit River.....	Spirit River
No. 147	Northland.....	Fairview
No. 156	Hythe.....	Hythe
No. 160	Sexsmith.....	Sexsmith

DISTRICT No. 14

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Arthur W. White (132)

No. 78	Hanna.....	Hanna
No. 82	Acadia.....	Youngstown
No. 98	Hand Hill.....	Delia
No. 104	Oyen.....	Oyen
No. 115	Crocus.....	Chinook
No. 132	Craigmyle.....	Craigmyle
No. 158	Berry Creek.....	Pollockville

DISTRICT No. 15

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Gordon P. Puffer (76)

No. 60	Acme.....	Acme
No. 66	St. Andrew's.....	Trochu
No. 76	Fidelity.....	Bashaw
No. 113	Cyprus.....	Three Hills
No. 125	Cavell.....	Delburne
No. 137	Irricana.....	Irricana

DISTRICT No. 16

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Lester F. Snyder (130)

No. 93	Symbol.....	Drumheller
No. 107	Carbon.....	Carbon
No. 123	Rockyford.....	Rockyford
No. 130	Hussar.....	Hussar
No. 146	Drumheller.....	Drumheller
No. 152	Standard.....	Standard

DISTRICT No. 17

D.D.G.M.—R. W. Bro. Frank F. Mitchell (102)

No. 44	Buffalo Park.....	Wainwright
No. 46	Palestine.....	Tofield
No. 69	Connaught.....	Viking
No. 96	Dynamic.....	Holden
No. 97	Albion.....	Chauvin
No. 102	Edgerton.....	Edgerton
No. 144	Gratton.....	Irma

RULINGS OF GRAND MASTERS

Approved by Grand Lodge

1. Question: In case of a Masonic trial can the Worshipful Master of a lodge act as counsel for the defence of the accused?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1909.
2. Question: Has a lodge the power to levy special assessment on members besides their regular annual dues, and to suspend members for the non-payment of such assessment if they pay their regular annual dues?
Answer: The Constitution makes no provision for suspension except for non-payment of dues and for unmasonic conduct. While lodges may agree to assess themselves for any worthy cause, they cannot suspend the delinquent for the above mentioned cause.
Proceedings, 1916.
3. Question: Is a person eligible to become a member of a Masonic lodge by initiation, who has lost the four fingers of his left hand at the third joint, leaving the hand and thumb intact?
Answer: Yes: Proceedings, 1916.
4. Question: Is a returned soldier eligible for initiation into the Order who has lost his left arm at the shoulder?
Answer: If you have a worthy petitioner, who has lost his left arm, but who is supplied with an artificial one so that he can comply with the requirements of the work, I would favor his acceptance into Masonry.
Proceedings, 1916.
5. Question: Has a lodge the power to withhold a Grand Lodge certificate from a newly raised brother until he passes a satisfactory examination in the third degree?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1916.
6. Question: Can a dispensation be granted whereby the degree of Past Master might be conferred as an honor upon a brother as a recognition of faithful service?
Answer: It is not within the power of the Grand Master to grant a dispensation to confer the Past Master's Degree (honoris causa) on any brother, however worthy he may be.
Proceedings, 1916.
7. Question: Can post cards be used for lodge notices?
Answer: All notices must be sent in sealed envelopes.
Proceedings, 1918.

8. A lodge cannot refuse to consider applications for membership for any stated period. An application in proper form recommended by two brethren and received by the secretary of the lodge must take its usual course. Proceedings, 1920.
9. A lodge under dispensation cannot grant a dimit to one of its members. Proceedings, 1920.
10. An Entered Apprentice cannot purchase life membership in a lodge. Proceedings, 1920.
11. Refused to grant publication of a Masonic Directory of the Province of Alberta for general distribution amongst members of the Craft. Proceedings, 1922.
12. The Worshipful Master of a lodge has always right of access to the secretary's books, and is responsible to Grand Lodge for their condition. Proceedings, 1922.
13. Refused to sanction the organization of a Masonic Club at a town where no lodge was in existence. Proceedings, 1922.
14. Question: Is a lodge entitled to a refund from Grand Lodge of dues paid on account of brethren who were granted their dimit by the lodge five years prior to the receipt of application for refund by Grand Lodge, but of which no report had been forwarded to the Grand Secretary in the meantime?

Answer: Inasmuch as the semi-annual returns are expected to contain an accurate statement of the work and business done by the lodge during the term, and that these returns are certified to by the Master and Secretary of the lodge under the seal of the same, and are accepted by Grand Lodge as being accurate, as they have no other means of obtaining this information, the lodge is not entitled to a refund under these circumstances.
Proceedings, 1925.
15. Question: What is the standing of an applicant for affiliation who was accepted into membership without the usual certificate of standing or dimit accompanying his application?

Answer: An applicant admitted under these circumstances is admitted irregularly and therefore could not be considered a member. Proceedings, 1925.
16. Question: Is a ballot, which was taken in September of last year, in accordance with the requirements of our Constitution as prior to June 12th, regular, the W.M. not being aware of any change in the Constitution?

Answer: Inasmuch as the ballot was taken in accordance with the Constitution as understood by the W.M. at the time of balloting, it should stand as taken.
Proceedings, 1925.

17. **Question:** Is a brother who has received the Past Master's degree in a Royal Arch Chapter entitled to be present while the Installed Master's degree is being conferred upon the W.M. elect?
- Answer:** A lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Alberta can recognize only those degrees which have been conferred by lodges under this jurisdiction or, as is expressly provided for by our Constitution, by lodges under some other Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction. In no case will this Grand Jurisdiction admit to participation in its degrees a person who has received such degrees in a Royal Arch Chapter or in any other body conferring other than the first three degrees of Masonry. There are other reasons which cannot be fully explained, inherent in the degree of Installed Master, which would not permit of a brother being present who was not either a Past Master or one duly elected to that office. It was therefore ruled that the brother was not entitled to sit in lodge while the Installed Master's degree was being conferred. Proceedings, 1925.
18. **Question:** What is the status of a brother who was formerly a member of a lodge in this jurisdiction which surrendered its charter?
- Answer:** All members of a lodge who are in good standing at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues have been paid in full are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by an existing lodge. Proceedings, 1925.
19. **Question:** May the first degree be conferred by a lodge other than that in which the candidate was accepted?
- Answer:** No. The lodge accepting the applicant must confer at least the first degree. Proceedings, 1925.
20. **Question:** Is a brother eligible for affiliation who holds a dimit and resides outside this Grand Jurisdiction?
- Answer:** Yes. His place of residence does not apply in case of affiliation. Proceedings, 1925.
21. **Question:** Is it correct or permissible to receive written nominations as is the custom at Grand Lodge elections?
- Answer:** Yes. Proceedings, 1925.
22. **Question:** Can a Worshipful Master order a regularly put and carried resolution to be expunged from the minute book without a further resolution giving consent of his lodge?
- Answer:** No. Proceedings, 1929.
23. **Question:** Can a lodge ballot on a petitioner without his name and other particulars being first spread on the lodge notice?
- Answer:** No, regardless of any necessity for speedy action. Proceedings, 1929.

24. Question: Can a member of a lodge be disciplined for continuously absenting himself from his lodge meetings?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
25. Question: Re notice of motion, if brother giving notice is absent, may any other brother present the motion?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
26. Question: Re notice of motion, in case no other brother wishes to present the motion, can matter be laid over until the following regular meeting?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
27. Question: Re notice of motion, can matter be brought up again without new notice of motion?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
28. Question: Has a Past Master who has been made an Honorary Member of his lodge the right to vote in his lodge?
Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1931.
29. Question: Can a lodge receive and act on an application of a candidate of foreign birth, who does not understand our language?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
30. Question: Can a candidate, who has received the first degree, be passed and raised in any other Rite than that in which he was initiated?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1931.
31. Question: Can an application be received from one who has been absent from the jurisdiction for two years, during the whole of which time he was taking post graduate courses, always with the intention of returning to his position and his home. In the two years he has not been resident in any Grand Jurisdiction long enough to qualify as an applicant?
Answer: Yes. He has not acquired legal residence in any other jurisdiction, and having returned home to resume the practise of his profession, should not be regarded as having lost his standing as a resident. Proceedings, 1932.
32. Question: Is an honorary member, not previously a regular member of the lodge, entitled to vote in Lodge matters?
Answer: No. Proceedings, 1933.
33. Question: Is a brother who is a Warden in one lodge and a member in another, eligible for the office of Master in the other lodge?
Answer: No. He could not hold the office of Master in both lodges at the same time. Proceedings, 1934.

34. Question: Can a lodge charge a candidate with a physical defect the fee charged by Grand Lodge for a dispensation in addition to the regular initiation fee?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
35. Question: Can a lodge use a loose-leaf binder for the permanent record of the minutes in typewritten form?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1934.
36. Question: In the case of a number of lodges using the same lodge room, may the lodge charters be hung permanently in the lounge room adjoining the lodge room?
- Answer: No. The charter must be present in the lodge room when the lodge is meeting. Proceedings, 1934.
37. Question: Can a lodge hall be dedicated to Masonry when it is used by other organizations for purposes other than Masonic?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1934.
38. Question: Would the acceptance of promissory notes by a lodge, on account of dues owing by members, entitle said members to up-to-date receipts?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1935. Such notes did not in themselves pay the debt and entitle the brethren to up-to-date receipts, and that only final settlement of the notes would entitle them to such receipts.
39. Question: Is it necessary that nominations should be submitted for the office of Master or other elective offices of the lodge?
- Answer: No. The election of officers of a lodge shall be annually by ballot, whether nominations are made or not. Proceedings, 1936.
40. Question: Is it necessary that notice of motion be given to confer life membership for distinguished services rendered?
- Answer: Yes. Proceedings, 1936.
41. Question: On the re-election of a Master of a lodge, is it necessary that the ceremony of installation be conducted irrespective of he having already been installed?
- Answer: Yes, but the Installed Master's work need not be repeated in full. Proceedings, 1936.

42. Question: Can a lodge receive and act upon a petition for initiation from an unmarried applicant living without the jurisdiction although his parents' home is located within the territory of the lodge?
- Answer: No. Such applicant's residence was where he lived, worked and exercised his franchise. Proceedings, 1936.
43. In the case of a travelling salesman who had not lived continuously in one place long enough to qualify for membership, ruled that the place from which he worked and from which he received his regular mail should be considered as his place of residence, which was within the jurisdiction of the lodge. Proceedings, 1937.
44. Ruled in the case of an Entered Apprentice who had been initiated in the Canadian Working in this jurisdiction and removed to the United States before being passed, and who had no intention of returning to Alberta, that he could receive his second and third degrees, on the usual request being made, in a different Working. Proceedings, 1937.
45. Question: Can a temporary honorary membership be granted to an unaffiliated brother?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
46. Question: Can the regular business of a lodge be conducted at a meeting called for the celebration of the Feast of St. John and the Installation of officers?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1937.
47. Ruled, that a lodge having paid the \$5.00 registration fee for an Honorary Member who hailed from another Grand Jurisdiction, but who resides within the jurisdiction of the lodge, is not required to pay semi-annual dues to Grand Lodge for such member. Proceedings, 1938.
48. A lodge having spread on its summons for a regular meeting a notice stating that no regular meetings be held in two consecutive months, it was ruled that such motion was not in order, the charter having stated the regular meetings of the lodge. (If a lodge fails to hold its regular monthly meeting it is simply a default.) Proceedings, 1938.
49. Question: Can a lodge by by-law or otherwise fix the fee for initiation or affiliation to include the regular lodge dues for the current year, or one year from the date of membership?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1938.

50. Ruled, that a lodge could not give a discount on dues if paid before a certain date, without amending their By-laws to permit this. Proceedings, 1938.
51. A lodge cannot postpone or adjourn a meeting. Therefore it was ruled that a lodge in postponing its regular meeting to a subsequent date and calling it an adjourned meeting, transacting business which can only be done at a regular meeting was in error, and the business done at such meeting must be confirmed at the next regular meeting and the minutes of the previous regular meeting again read and confirmed. Proceedings, 1939.
52. Question: Can the suspension of a member be cancelled from the records on his reinstatement?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
53. Ruled, that a regular meeting of a lodge at which none of the principal officers were present was irregular and any business transacted was null and void, the business done to be reintroduced and dealt with at the next regular meeting. Proceedings, 1939.
54. Ruled, that a candidate for initiation who by the nature of his employment was absent from his home for six months of the twelve preceding his application, should be regarded as a resident where his established home was situated and the lodge could receive his application. Proceedings, 1939.
55. Question: Can a lodge join, as such, a Masonic Association in another Grand Jurisdiction, over which the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Alberta has no authority?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1939.
56. Question: In the case of a brother applying for life membership, whose membership had been broken by suspension N.P.D., can the payment of an amount equal to dues for the period of his suspension, cancel the fact that his continuous membership had been broken?
- Answer: No. Proceedings, 1940.
57. In the case of two officers serving in England, residents of Alberta, who desired to make application to an Alberta lodge near their home, it was ruled that a lodge could not receive and act on petitions for membership of applicants whose homes were in Alberta but who were stationed in England. Proceedings, 1941.

RULES FOR RECOGNITION OF ANOTHER GRAND BODY

By the Grand Lodge of Alberta, Canada.

Fraternal recognition of a Grand Body may be granted when it appears to the Committee on Foreign Relations that recognition should be granted and the recommendation of the Committee has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Alberta, in Annual Communication.

The finding and recommendation of the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be based on the following prerequisites:

That the Grand Body seeking recognition:

1. Shall have been lawfully established by three or more regularly constituted lodges, by this Grand Lodge, or by a Grand Body recognized by this Grand Lodge.
2. Shall have sovereign territorial jurisdiction or if territorial jurisdiction be shared with another Body or Bodies then by mutual consent and prohibition or encroachment of occupied territory.
3. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in the Supreme Being, God the G.A.O.T.U.
4. Shall acknowledge as a prerequisite for membership belief in a life hereafter.
5. Shall require the open V.O.T.S.L. to be indispensably present in the lodge while at work. By the V.O.T.S.L. is meant the revelation from beyond which is binding on the particular individual who is being initiated.
6. Shall make Masons of men only.
7. Shall accept as fundamental:
 - (a) Secrecy.
 - (b) The division of Craft or Symbolic Masonry into the three accepted degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason.
 - (c) The Legend of the Third Degree.
 - (b) The Symbolism of the operative art.
8. Shall accept as its dominant purposes the practice of benevolence, charity and education.
9. Shall strictly prohibit controversial political and sectarian religious discussions within its lodges.
10. Shall adhere in practice and principle to the ancient landmarks, customs and usages of the Craft.

LIST OF GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS REVIEWED FOR
1940 AND AS INDICATED

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| 1. Alabama | 27. New Hampshire |
| 2. British Columbia | 28. New Jersey |
| 3. California | 29. New Mexico |
| 4. Canada in Ontario | 30. New York |
| 5. Connecticut | 31. New South Wales |
| 6. Delaware | 32. New Zealand |
| 7. District of Columbia | 33. North Carolina |
| 8. England | 34. North Dakota |
| 9. Dist. G. Lodges England— | 35. Nova Scotia |
| N. China | 36. Ohio |
| S. Africa | 37. Oklahoma |
| 10. Florida | 38. Pennsylvania |
| 11. Georgia | 39. Philippine Islands |
| 12. Idaho | 40. Prince Edward Island |
| 13. Illinois | 41. Quebec |
| 14. Iowa | 42. Saskatchewan |
| 15. Ireland | 43. Scotland |
| 16. Kansas | 44. South Australia |
| 17. Kentucky | 45. South Dakota |
| 18. Maine | 46. Tasmania |
| 19. Manitoba | 47. Texas |
| 20. Massachusetts | 48. Victoria |
| 21. Mexico (York) | 49. Virginia |
| 22. Michigan | 50. Washington |
| 23. Minnesota (1939-40) | 51. Western Australia |
| 24. Montana | 52. West Virginia |
| 25. Nebraska | 53. Wisconsin |
| 26. New Brunswick | |

REPORTS

of the

COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

A. M. Mitchell, P.G.M., Chairman

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of the
Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & A.M.

M. W. Sir and Brethren:

The search for "the thread of discourse" in the Proceedings of 1940 is simple and the main topic easily found. It is WAR!

As may be expected by the student of events in current history, the lights have gone out in still more Jurisdictions, including the ancient Netherlands, and now with almost the sole exceptions of Sweden and Switzerland, there is a Masonic "blackout" of Continental Europe. When we may look for "Lux e tenebris" is a point to ponder.

Throughout the Jurisdictions of the British Commonwealth of Nations, Masonic activity is intense. In the Mother countries, hospitals and schools are placed at government disposal in the common danger; huge funds have been raised and are being raised for the relief of want and distress among the initiated and profane alike, and prompt steps have been taken by lodges and Grand Lodges to comfort the brethren who find their duty and give their share in the front line.

From the United States, not yet in the actual conflict, there comes news of considered preparation along similar lines should the awful day come, as well as comment upon help given by organization and individual to the brethren of embattled Britain.

The general tenor of report and comment is of supreme hope, not only in the ultimate success of the democratic way of life, but for Freemasonry's part in developing and laying plans for the brave new world which lies in the future.

One of the frequent urgings in the reports of Grand Masters and others alike is that for reconsideration of what we are and have, a sort of prayerful appeal to the brethren to come again to Freemasonry as an heir of the ages in the long story of mankind's search for Truth, and, having re-caught the gleam, carry the torch forward as a band of devoted builders, ready and willing to prove by disinterested, honorable and patient service that the Order can contribute something of imperishable value to a tortured world.

Membership statistics show encouraging trends, but a composite table appearing in the Proceedings of Iowa and widely referred to, shows beyond doubt that Freemasonry in America has suffered grievous losses in the ranks in the last decade.

Financial house-cleaning is evident in several Grand Lodges and the vexed questions of non-payment of dues and life membership

come in for some decidedly interesting research. Here, we suggest, is one place where the younger Grand Lodges can freely profit from the long term experience of the older.

The time-worn tally of local and general items appears as usual and, while to the annual new muster of Grand Masters and Grand Officers it is all fresh and beautiful, the annual repetitions strain the ingenuity of reviewers to make spontaneous comment.

The job has been done cheerfully, as always, and once more the brethren who enjoy this section of our Proceedings, as well as the Chairman of your Committee, are indebted to the following readers and reviewers who have digested the doings of brethren elsewhere for their enlightenment and instruction:

M. W. Bro. E. T. Bishop
M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis
M. W. Bro. John Martland
M. W. Bro. M. M. Downey
M. W. Bro. C. C. Hartman
R. W. Bro. F. P. Galbraith
R. W. Bro. Wm. Ireland
R. W. Bro. Wm. Dayman
R. W. Bro. J. A. Livingstone
V. W. Bro. W. R. Davis

Unfortunately, on account of illness, absence and pressure of other business on some of our reviewers, several Proceedings are omitted from the current report. We trust this will be remedied when the report for 1942 is launched.

Fraternally submitted,

A. M. MITCHELL,
Chairman.

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Twentieth Annual Communication was held December 3, 1940, at Montgomery, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Yielding, presiding. Alberta was not represented.

It will be remembered that this Grand Lodge suffered the loss of its Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Samuel B. Adams, in 1939, shortly after entering on his second year of office and M. W. Bro. Yielding, at that time Deputy Grand Master, very ably carried on in his stead until his own election and installation took place nearly a year afterwards. He referred to this in his address and asked Grand Lodge to waive the customary two years' service as Grand Master in his case, as he had been practically in office for that time. He loyally carried out what he knew was the desire of M. W. Bro. Adams, in bringing to a successful conclusion the campaign for funds to complete their

Administration Building, for which the contract had been signed, but he reminded the brethren the need for repairs and means for continuing the work at the Masonic Home is still a responsibility and requested full support for the incoming Grand Master.

He stated that he had made no decisions (rulings) during his year. He mentioned that he had written "many, many letters answering questions" and suggested that members furnish themselves with a new Masonic manual (Constitution) and study it thoroughly, thereby avoiding much unnecessary correspondence. This reviewer doubts if this suggestion will be taken. The same questions are sure to be asked next year.

He granted permission to a lodge to appeal to the other lodges for monetary assistance to help rebuild their hall, which had been burnt out, and to two lodges to appeal for assistance for widows of their late members.

The Grand Representatives were formally received and welcomed by the Grand Master and the Grand Representative of the United Grand Lodge of England, W. Bro. McGee replied, reading a letter from that Grand Lodge, conveying their greetings and good wishes and expressing their determination to carry on in spite of all difficulties and dangers to which they are now being exposed—a message which was greeted with enthusiastic and long applause.

The Grand Master granted several dispensations to confer degrees on candidates with physical defects. We in Alberta follow in much the same lines, but when reporting these dispensations in the Proceedings we do not mention any names.

Seven consolidations of fourteen lodges were effected. One lodge surrendered its charter and two charters were arrested. One lodge which had forfeited its charter for neglect to make reports and pay dues, having made the reports and paid up was recommended for reinstatement.

In this Grand Lodge amendments to the Constitution must be voted on by lodges and it requires two-thirds of the lodges voting in favor to adopt the amendment. Two amendments were proposed, one failed to carry by the requisite majority and the other succeeded, but a number of lodges failed to record any vote. Their delinquency was referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances and the Masters of each of these lodges will be required to explain why their lodges neglected to record their votes and if they don't reply they will be summoned to appear at Grand Lodge next year, when they will be dealt with as Grand Lodge may direct. In Alberta we do much the same thing in similar cases, but the lapse of time operates to nullify anything in the way of penalty that the circumstances may warrant. In this case, fourteen lodges neglected their duty. It would seem that a prompt disposal of such cases would be much more effective than this type of delayed action which seems to be favored by many Grand Lodges.

Grand Lodge approved of the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence that a Grand Lodge officer is eligible to hold any office in a subordinate lodge except that of Master or Warden.

There is no Review of Fraternal Correspondence.

J.H.W.S.K.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

The Sixty-ninth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia was held in the City of New Westminster on Thursday, the 20th day of June, 1940, with the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dr. George A. Hall, on the Throne.

Twelve Past Grand Masters, including the Past Grand Secretary M. W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, were present.

Alberta's Grand Representative, W. Bro. D. D. Munro, was present.

Alberta is interested in the visit that M. W. Bro. Hall made to Peace Lodge No. 126 at Dawson Creek. This was the first occasion that a Grand Officer of British Columbia visited this lodge. Previously it had been instituted and visited by Officers of the Grand Lodge of Alberta. The Grand Master says, "We are greatly indebted to the Members of the Craft in the Grand Jurisdiction of Alberta for the assistance rendered Peace Lodge."

The Officers of the lodges of Greater Vancouver gave a banquet in honor of the Grand Master, to which were invited the Grand Masters of Washington, Oregon and Montana. Approximately 250 sat down to dinner. Previous to this M. W. Bro. Hall was a guest at an International night at Seattle at which Grand Masters from nearby States attended. We excerpt from the Grand Master's Address: "Fraternal greetings were exchanged between the representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions represented at this function, as they were also in Seattle, and the strong fraternal ties already binding these two great democratic countries were thus made stronger. These visits should be perpetuated. One could not help but be impressed by the singing of the two National Anthems, and a third verse added as follows:

" 'Two Empires by the sea,
Two nations strong and free,
One anthem raise;
One race of ancient fame,
One tongue, one faith we claim,
One God whose glorious Name
We love and praise.' "

M. W. Bro. Hall raises the old question: "Are we doing anything to justify our existence?" We excerpt as follows:

"The thought sometimes arises in my mind, 'Are we too reserved, too restrictive, regarding our activities?' I have often heard the question asked 'What are the Freemasons doing? What do they do in the interests of the community and the state?' I do not think we should advertise ourselves, but if our activities and principles for which we stand were more generally known, I feel there would be more wanting to join our ranks, and these a class of men who only desire to be good citizens and to devote their efforts in the best interests of mankind.

"Might we not ask ourselves the question 'What effect, if any, is Freemasonry having in our modern life? Are we, as a large and influential body, doing all that we can or should be doing to help our

country during this time of national and international trouble and chaos?"

In the passing of M. W. Bro. James S. Henderson, Dr. Hall says:

"He had a great and rich mind, which, tempered and molded by the years of his experience, enabled him to make a vital contribution to the intellectual life of this province and to the philosophied and educational side of Freemasonry.

"He had a great and understanding heart which, coupled with a tolerant, kindly and compassionate nature, eminently fitted him for his life of service among men of all classes and all kinds."

The Grand Lodge investment surplus is \$482,060.00.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research with the copies of the "Bulletin" covers some eighty pages and makes a splendid volume in itself.

M. W. Bro. W. R. Simpson—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. Frank S. McKee—Grand Secretary.

119 Lodges. 13,438 Members. Decrease, 125.

M.M.D.

CALIFORNIA

Ninety-first Annual Communication held at San Francisco, October 8th to 11th, 1940. William B. Ogden, Grand Master.

There were several distinguished visitors including W. Bro. William B. Pettus, Past Master of Peiping Lodge, China, who presented a copy of the Bible in Chinese, requesting that it be presented each year to the lodge "which has rendered the best service to Masonic charity."

The Rhode Island Bible was received and rededicated by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master's Address is a long catalogue of act and comment. Some unusual instances occur as, for instance, when a hard-pressed lodge resorted to the Bankruptcy Court for relief. Says the Grand Master: "I find nothing Masonically illegal in taking such a step but I question the propriety of such action, especially, if thereby is expressed the desire or hope to discharge its obligations without payment in full of publicly held indebtedness . . ." With this view we heartily agree.

The Grand Master found it necessary to accept the resignation of an Inspector (equivalent to our District Deputy Grand Master), to suspend a Master from office and to reprimand his lodge for conferring the degrees on a candidate who was physically disqualified. We can find no fault with the actions of the Grand Master who acted in accordance with the Code of his Grand Lodge, but it is our considered opinion that the ancient doctrine of "perfect youth", like

several other legacies from the past, is due for a modern minded overhauling lest we become, as there are indications that we are, an association for the perpetuation of worn-out formulae.

A visit to the lodges in Hawaii is reported with gusto. We were interested in the remarks on the Masonic Club on lonely Midway Island.

Many lodges in California have revived the ancient practice of celebrating St. John the Baptist's Day. The custom seems to be a breakfast on the nearest Sunday, with appropriate exercises.

Under the heading "A Militant Masonry", the Grand Master comments as follows:

"My intercourse with the brethren teaches me that there is an undercurrent of feeling among the Craft that Masonry as an organization should be more militant. We find this feeling exists more largely among the less informed members. Among those who have delved into the history of the Order, its historical approach to the problems of mankind, and can vision the effect upon our beloved institution which might follow if such a program were adopted, there is a hesitancy to depart from our present method of approach to world problems." Then he quotes his reply to a brother refusing permission to show a film and deliver a lecture on the Townsend Plan, and concludes by saying: "It must be remembered that we have within our membership, men of every race, sect and opinion, and nothing should be said or done in a Masonic meeting that would be found offensive or embarrassing to the least among us."

We believe the Grand Master was right in refusing an attempt at special pleading and admire the sentiment in his concluding remarks, but we confess to a growing feeling that in this swift-moving and militant age Masonry is beginning to creak at the joints and developing an antiquarian "complex", which may be part of the reason for losses in membership and lack of new recruits. A long term view of Freemasonry's future at, say, the Grand Masters' Conference, might bring about a highly profitable estimate of present day opinion and future trends in the life of the Order.

On the subject of "Masonic Education," the Grand Master says that he likes the term "advancement" now coming into use in place of the word "education", on the ground that the latter word is resented as an implication of ignorance among the brethren. Well, resentment or no, the ignorance is factual and whether "a rose by any other name" will "smell as sweet" remains to be seen. Our definite conclusion is that three-fourths of the Masons have no desire to be "educated" or "advanced" in terms of Masonic history, tradition, law, esoteria, etc., etc., and the same proportion of the time, effort and expense of trying to make the horse drink is sheer waste.

A donation of \$2,000.00 was sent to the Swiss Grand Lodge Alpina for assistance to Masonic refugees flocking into Switzerland.

The Grand Master recommends, in effect, that senior offices in the lodge should be withheld from brethren serving as officers in other organizations on the ground that the work may conflict with the duties of office in the lodge. The Committee on Policy and General Purposes

did not agree with the Grand Master, however, and we make bold to agree with the Committee on the ground that the busy man is the best man and most often contrives his affairs so that there is no conflict of service.

Another recommendation that the proper officers of Masonic bodies, membership in which is predicated on good standing in the Blue Lodges, be furnished with the standing of members in Blue Lodges at regular intervals, received the blessing of the same Committee and was adopted by Grand Lodge.

The Oration by Grand Orator Leo E. Anderson is on "Civic Responsibilities of Masons". He poses most of the well-worn questions, but in our humble judgment does not supply very satisfactory answers, "What is the end and purpose of our Order?" he asks. And answers. "I believe it is to diffuse light, that is, to spread knowledge among men." Says the Committee on Returns: "We believe there are vastly too many former members outside of Masonry for our general good."

A special Committee on Research Lodges rejects the proposal to formulate legislation to permit their creation, apparently on the principle that one shouldn't venture into the water until he can swim. Says the Committee: "We should not change our lodge system in the hope that at some time some one may be interested in taking advantage of the changes in our law." But surely "some one" was interested before the question was referred.

The Committee on Correspondence, headed by Bro. Jesse M. Whited, reports in topical form, but apart from a gag passed between our Bro. V. H. Macaulay and Bro. John Kain, of Montana, there is no reference to Alberta. The Report is a dandy for all that, and Bro. Whited has our compliments on a good job well done.

The Ninety-second Annual Communication will be held in San Francisco, October 14, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Lloyd E. Wilson, San Francisco.

V. W. Grand Secretary—Leon O. Whitsell, San Francisco.

A. M. M.

CANADA IN ONTARIO

The Eighty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario was held in the City of Toronto on the 17th and 18th of July, 1940, with M. W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie on the Throne.

Seven Past Grand Masters were present. Distinguished Visitors were present from the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Michigan, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, South Carolina, and Massachusetts.

Bro. Ralph Day, Mayor of Toronto, welcomed the assembled brethren to the City. He particularly welcomed the visitors as follows:

"I should like to say a special word of welcome to visitors from the Old Land, and from the neighboring country to the South. We are indeed grateful that during these difficult times so many jurisdictions are represented at this Grand Communication. It does make us feel that in Masonry there is a deep and abiding friendship amongst the brotherhood, no matter where located."

On recommendation of the Grand Master the sum of \$500.00 was subscribed to the funds of the Red Cross. This Grand Lodge also took the initiative in offering to care for children of Masons from England if they were sent out to Canada. From the Grand Masters address we excerpt:

"Your Grand Master respectfully solicits your cordial and loyal support for the scheme as a whole and for the Committee thus appointed. Kindly remember, brethren, that the most fateful hour for our Grand Lodge in the work which it has undertaken and cherished for centuries has now arrived and it is incumbent upon each and every member to make this undertaking a matter of personal interest whether or not you can aid by taking a child into your own home. It is most urgent and necessary that nothing be done by any member of the Fraternity to cause the undertaking to be open to censure. We must realize, now and always, that the trust which becomes ours must be fulfilled, irrespective of everything else, and that we, as Masons, are obligated to these children, to their parents and friends, to the British Government sending them out to us, and to our King and Queen, for the most sacred trust ever bestowed on a Masonic organization. Nothing must be said or done which will in the slightest manner betray that trust, or produce, in the public mind, an undesirable impression of the Craft."

R. W. Bro. W. C. N. Marriott, Chairman of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry, writes a very fine report of that Committee. Our brethren throughout Ontario are fortunate in having this report available to them. It is written under three headings, as follows:

"(a) The challenge to civilization, giving the background of the position in which Masonry stands.

"(b) The condition of Masonry in general.

"(c) The condition of Masonry in our own jurisdiction."

Space alone prevents one quoting the entire report. However, we excerpt as follows:

"First the question of unpaid dues. In many instances the difficulty has been overcome by the indefatigable work of the Master and the Secretary. The Master often inherits this condition from his predecessor, and makes desperate efforts to have the situation altered before his term expires. The Secretary, through the summons and by personal contact, loyally assists the Master. One lodge, with a membership of over five hundred, has not a single member in arrears. If the members in their everyday lives were keen and enthusiastic Masons, such an item as suspension for non-payment of dues would be eliminated.

"The second problem is in regard to lodge attendance. Our modern life is so highly organized that men must select one or two activities if they are to give much time and energy to them. We find that many good men in Masonry are the leaders in other organizations. We wonder if these men would devote an equal attention to Masonry if it would not advance and reach a new high in devotion, enthusiasm and accomplishment.

"In other organizations the leaders obtain to themselves a certain amount of notoriety—advertising that may be helpful to their personal business as their reward. In Masonry no such recompense can be secured. Our Order, because of its nature, can furnish no such incentive, but the fact that a brother does work for the improvement of human relationships by upholding the principles of brotherhood and friendships should bring to him an inner satisfaction of having accomplished something worthwhile.

"A member's interest in Masonry is indicated by his lodge attendance."

The Grand Master refers to the difficulty in the system of lodges meeting according to the moon: "Another matter which has for years been a cause of worry to both lodges and the officers of Grand Lodge is the method of determining the dates of regular meetings of the lodge. That of a relation to the phases of the moon—a survival of the horse and buggy days—might very reasonably be considered by the individual lodges concerned and a more up-to-date system evolved."

Alberta still has fifteen lodges meeting as in the days of the horse and buggy.

Total Benevolence expended, \$199,390.00.

Total Credential Vote Grand Lodge Sessions 3,310.

For the first time in seventeen years the Proceedings of Grand Lodges are reviewed by the then M. W. Bro. Ponton. Tribute is paid to the memory of M. W. Bro. Ponton in the Foreword, as follows:

"For sixteen years he carefully analysed the Proceedings of the eighty-eight jurisdictions recognized by our Grand Lodge and presented in readable form a summary of the activities of each of them. The magnitude of such a task can only be appreciated when we bear in mind that it was not a matter of mere routine but called for a discriminating selection of those topics which were of interest to jurisdictions other than that whose proceedings were reviewed. All this he did with scrupulous care, but apart from the subject matter so fully covered by him and the commendable method adopted in preparing his reviews, his masterly command of the English language never failed to elicit words of praise from his contemporaries who we believe will gladly concede to him the well merited title of Dean of Reviewers. His latest production which appeared in our Proceedings of 1939 may well be given precedence over all other efforts and accepted as his masterpiece. When we reflect that this was dictated from a sick bed by a brother, physically incapable of holding a pen, who had

passed his four score years and four we marvel at that brilliant intellect which to the end held mastery over a body racked with pain and rapidly approaching its dissolution.

M. W. Bro. J. A. Dobbie,—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. E. G. Dixon, Grand Secretary.

570 Lodges. 92,842 Members. Decrease, 1,620.

M.M.D.

CONNECTICUT

This is the One Hundred and Fifty-second Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and contains in especial the report of the Special Communication held to celebrate the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of this Grand Lodge on July 8th, 1789.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Desmond, presided at all of the Communications, and there is also a report of a Special Communication held for the purpose of permitting the Grand Master to raise his son to the degree of a Master Mason, something unique in our history.

In celebration of their 150th birthday the Grand Lodge caused to be minted and issued a commemoration medal termed the "Pierpoint Edwards Medal" so called after their first Grand Master. These are to be awarded annually to Masons in this and other jurisdictions who have rendered eminent service to the Craft at large, and it is pleasing to observe that the number issued is to be strictly limited in any one year. The silver medal is reserved for Grand Masters, and ten of them were awarded at this communication. The bronze medal is for those who have lower rank.

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire is a twin of that of Connecticut, having been born at the same minute. This Grand Lodge also instituted a medal called after their first Grand Master, one of which was awarded to M. W. Bro. Desmond.

All of the 128 lodges in the jurisdiction were represented at the Annual Communication. The Grand Secretary, in his report having reported three lodges to the Committee on Delinquency for having failed to answer the roll call last year. As they showed evidence of misunderstanding they were dealt with lightly, but evidently took the matter seriously this time.

The attention of Grand Lodge was called to the fact that several of the representatives of foreign jurisdictions at the Grand Lodge of Connecticut were indifferent to their duties. Their appointments were terminated and others appointed in their place—a very salutary lesson. The Grand Master made regulations relative to the finger printing of initiates; this is now compulsory in this and other American jurisdictions.

For good reason, no doubt, the Grand Master called the attention of the Craft who are members of the numerous correlative orders, and other bodies where membership is dependant on relationship to members of the Craft, of the necessity of their accepting responsibility to avoid any conduct or action which might derogate against the honour and dignity of Ancient Craft Masonry stating:

"The world at large does not recognize the distinction that we maintain but criticises thoughtless action on the part of any correlative body as though it were a Masonic misdemeanour."

Calling attention to the great amount of travelling incumbent on a Grand Master and the advisability of his being accompanied by some brother, the Grand Master instituted a new Grand Lodge officer for this purpose whose style and title is to be "Deputy Grand Marshal". In so doing he followed the example of other jurisdictions, and the Grand Lodge was so evidently in sympathy with his action that they approved of the office being made perpetual subject to an annual appointment.

In referring to trials in lodges for Unmasonic conduct the Grand Master remarked: "In some cases a little persuasion was necessary to convince the lodges that a penal offence is a Masonic offence and the offender must be tried and sentenced regardless of personal friendship and regard." How the old stern Puritan spirit survives!

The membership in the jurisdiction is some 34,000, and there is a falling off of some 750 as compared with last year. It is noticeable that those reported as "Stricken from the roll N.P.D." is 691, thus accounting for the greater appt of the reduction in membership. As this action was taken, no doubt, after enquiry had been made to prevent hardship it does not appear that Masonry will suffer by the reduction in numbers.

The income of the Grand Lodge for the year was \$168,250.00, of which sum \$134,700.00 was compulsory assessment for the support of the Masonic Charity Foundation, an incorporated body which is in charge of all the organized benevolence of the Grand Lodge, and which operates the Home and Hospital at Wallingford where there reside as guests 393 persons of whom 54 were admitted during the year. The Annual Report of the Board of Managers of this institution is somewhat gloomy reading and calls attention to the fact that the lodges have added to the duties of the Institution while at the same time reducing their financial contributions. This caused a deficit in Income account which was made up through bequests and other forms of intermittent income. Grand Lodge, however, did not consider the situation serious for they took no action in the matter.

The Masonic Charity Foundation has assets shown as amounting to \$999,855.00 and an income from all sources of \$172,724.00 which is perhaps the reason why the Grand Lodge did not share the apprehension of the Board of Management of the Home.

A committee appointed to consider the question of Jewels for Past District Deputy Grand Masters made an exhaustive enquiry and presented a favourable report which included a recommendation for the design of the Jewel. Grand Lodge was to pay for the dies and

preliminaries, but the report recommended that the lodges in the District pay for the jewel itself. The report was not accepted by Grand Lodge.

Recognition was granted by Connecticut to the Grand Lodge in Argentina, but postponed in regard to the request of two Mexican Grand Lodges and of the National Grand Lodge of Egypt.

Here as elsewhere the reports on Masonic Education are encouraging. Nearly half of the lodges in the State have some form of programme in this connection, and a committee has in hand the assistance to be rendered where needed and general attention to the matter.

A historical sketch of the Grand Lodge was compiled by M. W. Bro. Arthur F. Lewis and is printed in the appendix to the Proceedings. It is very interesting and instructive to others besides those resident in Connecticut. Also printed in the appendix are the deliverances at the Sesquicentennial ceremonies of the Grand Masters of Virginia, Massachusetts and New York, and they are earnestly recommended for the perusal and serious consideration of those in search of further light in Masonry.

The Grand Master elected and installed for 1941 is M. W. Bro. W. E. Hanmer and if he follows in the footsteps of his predecessor he will find his time fully occupied with Masonic affairs.

W.R.D.

DELAWARE

The One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Annual Communication was held in Wilmington on October 2nd, 1940. M. W. Bro. T. Scott Purse, Grand Master, presided.

Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Geo. T. Macklin, P.G.M., who has always been most faithful in attending.

It was pleasing to note the presence of so many elective Past Grand Officers and especially to be noted is the name of R. W. Bro. John F. Robinson, who retired from the Grand Secretaryship last year after twenty years of service. The Grand Master had a portrait of Bro. Robinson prepared and hung in the Grand Secretary's office.

During the year this Grand Lodge lost three Past Grand Masters, all of them over eighty years of age. M. W. Bro. Thos. J. Day, who was Grand Master in 1907 and Foreign Correspondent since 1919, will be greatly missed from the "round table".

The Grand Master visited all his lodges, accompanied by his "official family"—a very pleasant custom and one which must tend to bring about mutual understanding between Grand Lodge and the general membership, to the great advantage of both.

Only one decision of the Grand Master is reported, which he says he found necessary to decide: A petitioner residing in Pennsyl-

vania petitioned a Delaware lodge for affiliation, on a dimit from a lodge in Vermont. The Grand Master's decision was that the lodge should receive and act on the petition in the usual way and Grand Lodge approved.

The Committee on History and Research attached to their report a short sketch of the various lodges in Delaware, previous to the formation of Grand Lodge. The list includes lodges constituted by the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and Maryland some of them being formed as early as 1760. Many of the lodges mentioned surrendered their charters during the time of the Morgan episode, the effects of which lasted for many years, from 1827 to 1851, and now almost forgotten.

The Committee on Masonic Service has an excellent report. From it we gather that Masonry in the U.S.A. is preparing to establish a central agency through which the Grand Lodges can operate. This is the Masonic Service Association, which has already sent out this question to the Grand Lodges: "In the event that this nation is drawn into war, should Freemasonry ask the Government for an opportunity to serve as a welfare agency, to comfort and aid Masons, of course according to Army and Navy regulations and in co-operation with the armed forces of the nation?"

If the Grand Lodges support this idea, it would mean that this association would be recognized by the government as an authorized war service for the Masonic Fraternity. In the last Great War it was found impossible for any Grand Lodge in the United States to be recognised by the government in their war effort as the Grand Lodge only represented a state and under the government requirements the organization would have to be national in scope.

One interesting paragraph deals with the ages of initiates. From the replies received from twenty-two Grand Lodges the figures show that nearly two-thirds of the present initiates are between 21 and 31 years of age, which should hold those who view with alarm the supposed tendency of youth to ignore the mysterious Craft.

The Report on Fraternal Correspondence is prepared by M. W. Bro. Frank S. Craig. Alberta for 1938 receives kindly and fraternal treatment at his hands and may we ask that he intimate to the editor of the Proceedings that he bring us up to date on page 166, List of Grand Lodges. Our Annual Communication for many years now opens on the second Wednesday in June and not on the last Wednesday in May, and goodness knows how many of the good brethren of Delaware have passed us up in consequence!

J.H.W.S.K.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The following Communications of this Grand Lodge were held during the year 1940:

Five Specials; One "Stated" Communication on May 8th; the Annual Communication on December 18th, and the St. John's Day Communication on December 27th, at which last the Annual Elections and Installations took place.

In his address at the Annual Communication the Grand Master earned the thanks of those Masons who live in countries scourged by war in his asking the Grand Chaplain to invoke the mercy of The Great Architect on the sufferers and their kith and kin.

It is pleasing to read of the presentation of medals in recognition of 50 years membership to 36 brethren. Some day we hope to have an equally pleasant experience in Alberta.

The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge being practically confined to the area of the City of Washington a difficulty has arisen owing to modern conditions not having been foreseen by the founders of the American Republic. A considerable portion of those who earn their living in the City of Washington reside in the suburbs which are in the neighbouring States of Maryland and Virginia, and applicants for the degrees who change their residence find themselves having to obtain dispensations if they wish membership in a Columbia lodge. There is no difficulty in this respect with Maryland, but Virginia appears to stand strictly on its legal rights and requires such to make application to lodges within its jurisdiction. The Grand Master of Columbia pertinently remarks:

"Before concluding my report on the subject I submit that a broader minded approach to the situation would be conducive to the general good of our fraternity. In these days conditions both within and without Freemasonry would seem to make it desirable that no merely technical obstacles should be placed in the way of worthy gentlemen who desire to join our ranks."

It was the unpleasant duty of the Grand Master to remove one Worshipful Master from office owing to unmasonic conduct.

It appears that an effort to deal with unemployment among Masons was made some years ago and an organization for that purpose was formed. This does not appear to have worked very well, and a committee recommended that the organization be abandoned and a committee be appointed to consider future action and make a report. It is significant that the report includes the words: "Furthermore, the Bureau is lacking in support on the part of the Fraternity which precludes a successful operation on its present basis."

This Grand Lodge has not permitted any ornaments on the apron either for Grand Lodge officers or their subordinates, and a movement to abandon this practise was lost.

It is a time-honoured practise that when the Worshipful Master of a lodge wishes a charge brought against one of his craftsmen that he instruct his Junior Warden to prefer such charge. A motion to

permit the preferring of the charge by an appointee of the Master other than the Junior Warden was lost.

Education is well attended to in this jurisdiction, not only in the ritual and formalities, but also in the history and philosophy of Freemasonry. The report of the Committee on this matter announces that 94 per cent of the lodges have some form of instruction in Masonic Education, and it is recommended that more attention be paid to the history of Masonry; that the instruction be presented orally, and that a reasonable proficiency in Masonic Education be officially made a requirement for advancement in the degrees.

During the year this Grand Lodge took note of the sufferings of Masons in the outer world. To the sufferers of the earthquake in Chili they contributed financial assistance which was acknowledged not only by the Masons but by the President of the Republic. And the Grand Lodge sent a cablegram of sympathy to the Grand Lodge of England.

This Grand Lodge maintains a Museum which seems to be so well supported that the committee in charge report that "they are now at a loss for space". We in Alberta will soon have to give this matter some consideration.

The Masonic spirit is active in the District of Columbia. In the proceedings there are two eulogies to deceased Past Grand Masters which indicate an intense appreciation not only of their services but of their characters. And the Masonic and Eastern Star Hospital receives not only ample financial support, but also the valued services of brethren and ladies who give something that can not be valued in money. There are in the hospital at the date of the report 99 adults and 19 children.

At the St. John's Day Communication M. W. Brother Ara M. Daniels was elected and installed Grand Master for the year 1941.

There are 47 lodges in the jurisdiction with a membership of 20,141.

W.R.D.

ENGLAND

At the Quarterly Communication for March, 1940, M. W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, K.G., was re-elected M. W. Grand Master. The Pro Grand Master, M. W. Bro. The Earl of Harewood, presided. He had only recently recovered from illness and the President of the Board of General Purposes, before making his report, referred to it and trusted that no ill effects would result from the M. W. Brother's determination to carry on with his duties that day.

The Pro Grand Master found it necessary to remind brethren that the Constitution strictly forbids the publishing of proceedings at Masonic meetings and referred to certain proceedings of Grand Lodge which had been given to the public press, greatly he feared to

the detriment of Freemasonry, and he requested members on no account to allow such a thing to occur again.

The Board of General Purposes had given further serious consideration to a resolution which had been the subject of discussion at previous meetings and which dealt with brethren of enemy nationality or birth. They now presented a resolution which was carried with only a few dissenting votes. The motion was: "That no Brother, being a national of any state with which Great Britain is at war, shall attend or be admitted to any Masonic meeting held under the British Constitution." The original motion had a clause referring to brethren of enemy birth, but not now of enemy nationality. This was deleted. The motion was the subject of an interesting debate, but it was evident from the result of the vote that Grand Lodge felt that German nationals are most emphatically "Brethren with whom we are at variance and against whom we entertain animosity as long as these hostilities shall last." A decision that Masonic enemy nationals themselves should approve of, by refraining from any attempt to visit Masonic Lodges under the British Constitution during the war.

In April the Annual Investiture, with the M. W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Kent on the throne, the Grand Master was first proclaimed, followed by the senior Grand Officers, then a very long list of junior Grand Officers was read.

An address of welcome to the M. W. Grand Master was delivered by the M. W. Pro Grand Master, mentioning that but for the war the Duke would have been Governor General of Australia and residing there. The M. W. Grand Master in replying stated that while it had not been possible for him to attend before this meeting, he had the great pleasure of attending Canada Lodge a short time previously to welcome many brethren of the Canadian Forces who are defending their King and Empire, and he was sure the lodges throughout the country would do all they could to entertain these brethren who had come from all parts of the world to aid them in the struggle.

A telegram of congratulations and good wishes was sent to M. W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught for his ninetieth birthday on May 1st.

At the June Quarterly, a letter was read from the M. W. the Grand Master, in which he requested that for the duration of the war refreshments provided after the lodge meetings be as simple as possible, because of the need for national economy. While he was aware of the benefit derived from social intercourse between brethren, he was sure the necessity for moderation would be recognised by all.

At the September Quarterly the Board of General Purposes reported that a circular letter had been sent to all lodges in England and Wales requesting that all members contribute to the Nation's urgent needs by surrendering their Masonic jewels for the purpose of being melted down and the proceeds presented to the Treasury as a Masonic gift. The Board felt that although such a donation of jewels to the Nation meant a real sacrifice to many, yet the brethren would gladly comply and the result would be a very valuable contribution. The Board was able to report that already over Ten Thousand Pounds had been raised in this way. (This was much more than doubled at the end of the year). In this connection the M. W. Pro Grand Master

mentioned that many widows handed over jewels which they greatly treasured as a memory of their lost ones, but it was made in a good and perfect cause. Then there were some brothers who felt that instead of giving their jewels they might donate the equivalent value in money. He pointed out that the actual metal of which the jewels are made is in most cases lying hidden and that actual metal is of great importance to the country, greater in fact than a cheque for the equivalent value. The government would be asked to use the value of the metal so handed over for the relief of distress caused by the war, in accordance with the great principles for which Masnory stand.

The Pro Grand Master also touched on the very great value of Masonic meetings, for the spiritual support of those who are in sorrow and distress, saying, "I would merely remind you of the fact that the foundation consists in an effort to teach us, first of all at Initiation, how to be reborn, and, at our Passing, how to live our lives; and at a later stage to teach us how to meet our deaths. And thus in a very few summarized and I fear very ineffective words I would like to remind you that the meetings of private lodges and the attendance at them of brethren in spiritual or mental trouble is a matter which ought to receive the consideration of all Masters of lodges, and the brethren ought to be given the opportunity of receiving the support and relief which Masonic teaching can and from my own experience I can say most certainly does provide. I know that in many districts there are great difficulties in providing for the meetings of lodges, but I would like to emphasize the importance of lodges meeting in all areas, and especially in areas which are not directly and immediately affected by the operations of the enemy."

He went on to explain "In those areas which are not immediately affected by the operations of the enemy, it is perhaps not fully realized what troubles are being brought upon our brethren in the worst affected areas. I have seen a photograph of a Masonic Temple, which used to stand on the south-east coast. It has been reduced to ruins by enemy action. That is only the outward and visible sign of the troubles which are being brought on many of our brethren who have resided in similar areas. Many of them have lost their livelihood in much the same way as that Masonic Temple has lost its concrete existence and utility. The time will come when in spite of the fortitude of the brethren who have suffered, we who live in the less distressed areas will be called upon to assist the brethren who are now suffering."

This writer feels that here we have a picture that Masons in Alberta, far removed as they are from the terrible happenings in the Old Country, should take to heart and also prepare to assist the sufferers in this war to a much greater extent than has already been done.

At the December meeting mention was made of how helpful the gifts from overseas had been in providing immediate assistance to brethren and their dependents who owing to the war and mostly through enemy action have found themselves suddenly faced with distress or even disaster. The provision of a small sum before other forms of assistance can become available makes all the difference to these sufferers, and the support and encouragement of the brethren abroad is playing no small part in helping to deal with the many problems that arise in these times. They said: "It would be invidious for special mention to be made of particular gifts, but each whether large or small is received with gratitude to those who have so gener-

ously assisted us in sharing the burden. It is an encouragement to know that the thoughts of brethren throughout the world are with us in these times."

J. H. W. S. K.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA, ENGLISH REGISTER

Semi-Annual Communications were held at Shanghai on March 20, 1940, and at Tientsin on October 22 of same year, and proceedings are here reviewed.

As is to be expected this District Grand Lodge is carrying on under very onerous conditions on account of the Japanese invasion, and the instability of the Chinese currency, this latter making it necessary even to curtail contributions of a financial nature to the various charitable institutions both in England and in the District.

It is also noted that under a ruling received from England: "No Brother, being a national of any state with which Great Britain is at war, shall attend or be admitted to any Masonic meeting held under the English Constitution."

It is noticeable as evidence of the difficulties under which our brethren in Northern China are labouring that at the October meeting only six out of the eleven lodges in the District were represented, even the District Grand Master having to be represented by Deputy. And of one Lodge it is mentioned that owing to its far inland position it was impossible for it to receive any visitation from a Grand Lodge Officer during the year.

But the spirit is still willing. The Acting District Grand Master remarks: "It is remarkable that the lodges have been able to continue working and great credit is due to all the brethren for the sacrifices they are making on behalf of the Craft."

One lodge located at Wei-hai-wei, and composed of brethren serving in His Majesty's Navy has had to remove from there to Hong Kong, and received the necessary permission to do so.

Our brethren in Northern China are deserving of our utmost sympathy and admiration.

W. R. D.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF SOUTH AFRICA— ENGLISH CONSTITUTION—CENTRAL DIVISION

The Forty-fourth Annual Meeting of this body was held on April 17, 1940, at the Masonic Temple, Kimberley. It was presided over by the R. W. the District Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Joseph van Praag, this being the eighteenth time he presided over this Annual Communication.

There are in the jurisdiction 14 lodges with a membership of 514 brethren but it should be remembered that within the same area there

are lodges under the Irish, Scottish and Netherlands Grand Lodges. Representatives of these bodies were present, and it is evident that the most harmonious relations exist between them so that to all intents and purposes there is one body of Freemasons in the country.

The Benevolent funds are well supported. Lodges contributed by fiat of the District Grand Lodge some £117, and voluntary contributions from the same source were £206. The total income for the year being £590, and the outlay £287, but the President of the Board of General Purposes remarked that additional demands for assistance were pending at the close of the year.

The By-Laws dealing with relief appear to be somewhat strict in requiring that grants be made only where certain contributions have been made. A motion giving the Board greater discretionary powers in this respect was lost.

The subject of Education is constantly referred to in the Proceedings. Worshipful Masters of Lodges comment favourably and with gratitude on the assistance they have been given, and the District Grand Master in alluding to the subject says:

"Support from beyond our district is still coming along which seems to prove that many brethren have been waiting for some such effort from any proper quarter."

Attached to the Proceedings is a printed copy of a paper entitled "A Plea for More Masonic Enlightenment", written by the District Grand Secretary and recommended very justly by the District Grand Master to the members for perusal. Also enclosed is the monthly leaflet of Masonic Instruction No. 30, June 1st, 1940. This is entitled "Masonic History" and propounds an original and interesting theory.

W.R.D.

FLORIDA

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Florida was held in Jacksonville on April 16th, 17th and 18th, 1940.

M. W. Bro. Ralph J. Kishpaugh, Grand Master, presided, and 203 out of 223 lodges were represented. Ten Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was not represented.

The general condition of Masonry throughout the jurisdiction was good. For the second successive year an increase in membership was reported. In his address the Grand Master urged that more work be done toward getting brethren re-instated and affiliated. In reporting on his work during the year he gave a list of the rulings made and dispensations granted during his term. He allowed an Entered Apprentice to affiliate and have the other two degrees conferred in his new lodge. He also permitted an F.C. to affiliate and have the M.M. degree in his new lodge. He ruled that the signature of the secretary to a summons made it legal. A plan for the building of a filling station by a lodge on a lot owned by the lodge and adjoining their building was approved. Ministers of the gospel may be relieved

of payment of initiation fees and for dues in this jurisdiction at the will of the lodge. Another ruling was that a dimitted member could not sign a petition for a dispensation to establish a new lodge. He also re-affirmed an earlier ruling that a regular meeting night could be passed by common consent of the lodge. One interesting ruling was that a petition for initiation could not be accepted from a vereran of the war whose left leg was rigid, owing to having his left knee encased in a steel jacket.

Some of the dispensations were interesting. One was for the laying of the corner stone of a Jewish synagogue. Another was to permit a lodge to confer the M.M. degree on a candidate on March 26, 1940. The candidate was a doctor and had been prepared to take his F.C. degree on February 27, but was called out on a confinement and the degree was conferred on February 28. In view of the circumstances the Grand Master granted this dispensation without charge to the lodge. A somewhat unusual dispensation was one granted to a lodge to hold a regular meeting in a ground floor room to confer the M.M. degree on a brother of considerable weight who, since receiving his F.C. degree, had lost the use of his legs to an extent that prohibited him from climbing the stairs to the lodge room.

Five Schools of Instruction of three days each were held.

Eighteen 50-year certificates were signed by the Grand Master during the year.

The Grand Master considered that the apron which Grand Masters of the jurisdiction had worn during the past twenty years had "earned the right to be placed among the archives of Grand Lodge" and recommended that it be retired and the purchase of a new one considered. He again pointed out to the lodges that it was the law of Grand Lodge to have the Treasurer and Secretary of each lodge bonded. His recommendation that one brother should not hold two offices in his lodge was not approved by Grand Lodge. One lodge in the jurisdiction had a membership of 6. The question of emeritus or non dues-paying members was still a serious problem. In one lodge of 21 members, 12 were emeritus members. Grand Lodge decided against the adoption of the Declaration of Principles. A committee was appointed to confer with a committee from the I.O.O.F. with a view to arranging to have the annual meetings of the two bodies held at different times. Both bodies now held their annual meetings on the third Tuesday in April and this year both met in the city of Jacksonville.

The three degrees were conferred under the direction of the Committee on the Work, the first two on the first day of Grand Lodge, afternoon and evening, and the third on the evening of the second day.

The Masonic Home had had another active year. There were 130 inmates, 38 adults and 92 children; being cared for.

During the year death had taken three members of the Grand Lodge family, M. W. Bro. G. B. Glover, Grand Master in 1913, Bro. Louis Silverman, Past Senior Grand Deacon, and Bro. A. E. Calkins, Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence sub-

mitted a report to Grand Lodge but no reviews of foreign proceedings are included in this report nor are printed in the Proceedings.

Lodges, 223. Members, 19,998. Gain, 152.

M. W. Grand Master—Smith L. Turner, Williston.

R. W. Grand Secretary—George W. Huff, Jacksonville.

F.P.G.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Fifty-fourth Annual Communication was held in the City of Macon, on October 29th, 1940. M. W. Bro. J. Wilson Parker, Grand Master, presided.

Several amendments to the Constitution were introduced as "bills" and referred to the appropriate committees. One was entitled "An act to provide for Masonic trials by jury," evidently very carefully drawn by a legal mind. It failed, however, to secure the approval of the Jurisprudence Committee or Grand Lodge. A similar idea, expressed in more general terms, was also rejected by the same committee. In Alberta, trial by commission appointed by the Grand Master, is allowable, but only for good and sufficient reasons. The old system of trial by the Master, officers and members of the lodge has stood the test of years of experience and tends to make the members regard their responsibilities more seriously.

Another bill, specifying what lodge officers shall be elected and appointed and by whom, was adopted, under which the three principal officers, the Treasurer and Secretary, are elected, presumably by the lodge, and the Chaplain and Senior Deacon are appointed by the Master elect, the Junior Deacon by the Senior Warden elect, the Stewards by the Junior Warden elect, and the Tyler in the absence of any by-law providing for his election, is appointed by the Master elect. The system seems to the writer an unnecessary innovation.

It was also enacted that a dimitted brother cannot affiliate with a lodge under dispensation unless there is a membership of at least thirty. If the lodge does not secure a charter, then such affiliated brother shall have the status of a member of a defunct lodge. Looks rather complicated.

The Grand Master, in spite of a long and serious illness, which laid him up for nearly four months, paid 131 official visits and accomplished an astonishing amount of work. In his address there is no uncertainty as to where Georgia Masonry stands with regard to conditions facing all countries in the western hemisphere. He said, "In America we face our greatest crisis", and urged that all shall "fully, completely and whole-heartedly co-operate with the government to build such a mighty armament that no nation or combination of nations dare to attack."

He spoke with feeling of the destruction wrought by the enemy over London, of the wrecking of the high altar in St. Paul's, at which it

was his high privilege once to worship. He also mentioned Westminster Abbey as a shrine endangered by ruthless aggression. It is statements such as these coming from our brethren of the United States that make us feel proud of the fact that we are after all of the same tribes and families, possessors of the same traditions, the same history and the same shrine. They are our common heritage, inspiring all of us to stand together and defend to the utmost the freedom our forefathers wrested from the oppressors and passed on to us.

It is with great regret we learn that R. W. Bro. Frank F. Baker, Grand Secretary, has been so ill, for he was unable to attend Grand Lodge. R. W. Bro. Baker, Grand Secretary for more than forty years, has served this Grand Lodge faithfully and well. He must be one of the oldest Grand Secretaries on the continent and it is to be hoped that he will make a good recovery.

Five corner stones were laid with Masonic ceremony, two for churches, one for a consolidated school, one for a municipal building and one for a legion home, which suggests the thought that Masonry in Georgia occupies a high place in the esteem of the public.

The Grand Master was able to attend all twelve of the District Conventions. These seem to correspond to our District Meetings in some respects, but the Grand Master pointed out that membership in the convention is purely voluntary on the part of the lodge, some lodges taking a keen interest and others not being represented. He suggested that the historical and educational committee take hold of and issue a co-ordinated programme for the meetings which he thought could be made a source of much good.

Seven lodges surrendered their charters. Six charters were arrested for cause and three lodges were disciplined. However, these made amends and were restored. Four lodges were consolidated, forming two.

This Grand Lodge incurred a heavy debt in erecting a building and the Grand Master strongly urged that measures be taken to regularly reduce the indebtedness.

Fourteen rulings are listed and mention may be made of a few. A lodge adopted by by-law a flag ceremony to be incorporated in the regular opening ceremony of the lodge. It was ruled that the flag ceremony would follow but not be a part of the opening ceremony. Grand Lodge approved.

A lodge decided to sponsor a plan to raise funds for the treatment of cancer by the sale of stamps, with a Masonic emblem and words indicating Masonic sponsorship printed on the stamp. The Grand Master ruled they could not use such stamps without the full sanction of Grand Lodge being first obtained.

Another lodge adopted a motion that all members owing 1939 dues who do not pay said dues by July 18, 1940, stand suspended as of June 20, 1940. The Grand Master held that the action was illegal; it made suspension retroactive and it also suspended members en masse and without due notice.

A Masonic convention passed a strong resolution, subject however to the Grand Master's approval, endorsing enactment by Congress

of a fair and impartial Draft Act, and requesting the Georgia Members and Senators to vigorously support the same, copies of the resolution to be sent to all Representatives and Senators. The Grand Master held that such a resolution is a petition to the Legislature on a political subject and is prohibited by Masonic Code. Grand Lodge agreed.

The reviews of sister Grand Lodges are on the topical plan. Mention is made of the resignation of H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught as Grand Master of "Our Mother Grand Lodge, the United Grand Lodge of England" and the letter of resignation is printed with full particulars of the Installation of his successor, H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, as described by M. W. Bro. J. Claude Keiper, who was a delegate from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. There are quotations from the addresses of several Grand Masters of the United States and Canada as well as Australia. It also reviews Masonic work on the Continent of Europe and China. A reference is made to the Grand Lodge of Alberta in relieving the distress of sufferers from the drouth in this and the neighboring jurisdiction of Saskatchewan, in M. W. Bro. Hartman's year. The reviewer regrets that he is unable to get information relative to Freemasonry in Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland and France. A very interesting review by Bro. Daniel.

J.H.W.S.K.

IDAHO

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Idaho was held at Lewiston, September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1940, A.L. 5940.

An interesting extract was read from an editorial, "Masonry's Battle", by the Grand Secretary, Bro. Curtis F. Pike.

"Need any Mason be told of his duty at this hour? Can his convictions waver before the evidence of his sight? Can his loyalty be deluded as to which country is fighting his cause in this war? There is but one thing he need remember and that is that Naziism has long ago crushed his brothers within its jurisdiction; not a vestige of his fraternity is visible on the continent of Europe today. Only England remains to speak his Masonic mind before the black menace of Fascist despotism—only England to keep alive the immortal spirit of Runnymede for the rest of us who have not surrendered to the gangsters of Berlin."

In Idaho, annual District Meetings are becoming more efficient. The Grand Master found it expeditious, last year, to meet more Masons in fewer lodges. In Alberta, as well, we feel that more lodges can be helped in this way and urge lodges to arrange such visitations.

The question of candidates completing the third degree by taking examinations in that work was discussed. Agreement was general that such completion was desirable, but the means to that end seemed

to be by cultivation of Masonic interest, rather than by compulsion or penalty.

The year was undoubtedly a good and prosperous one for this Grand Jurisdiction.

Number of Lodges, 81. Members, 8,940. Gain for year, 78. Number of Degrees, 902.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Boise, on the second Tuesday in September, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Asa A. Vealey.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Clyde I. Rush.

C.C.H.

ILLINOIS

The One Hundred and First Annual Communication was held at Chicago on October 8th and 9th, 1940. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dan DeBaugh.

Alberta was represented by Bro. Ben E. Sincere.

There were the usual elaborate preliminary exercises, including the introduction of Distinguished Visitors, in the list of whom we observe the names of several well-known Canadians.

In opening his address the Grand Master says: "The Fraternity . . . at the present moment is serenely secure in a background rich with tradition and accomplishment." Frankly, and without being unduly pessimistic, we are not quite so sure of the "serene security".

The Grand Master, apparently a thorough-going business man keenly aware of the value of sound financial records, has caused to be effected several improvements in Grand Lodge accounting.

Complaint about the number of extraneous organizations predicated on membership in the Fraternity are common. This Grand Master presents another view: "It would seem imperative that we unofficially, at least, aid youth organizations predicated on Freemasonry."

"I am happy to report an optimistic trend, relative to the status of individual Masonic Lodges and Masonry in general in Illinois," is the comment on "Condition of the Craft".

From the Report of the Committee on Obituaries, we select this as but another gentle reminder of the half-forgotten philosophy of the Fraternity: "So while others continue to preach creed and class and caste and the many other things that drive men apart, we have faith to believe and shall continue so to act that men and nations will come

to live for the good of humanity as a whole as well as for their individual good and welfare. This is Masonry's grand design!"

The annual oration is from the pen of Bro. Edgar A. Jonas, Grand Orator. It points to present conditions and the relation of the Fraternity to them so well that we have quoted rather more liberally than usual.

"I am committed to the undeniable fact that a river can rise no higher than its source and that a structure is no stronger than its foundation. Therefore, it strikes me as an axiomatic fact that if the youth of this day can gather but little inspiration from the faith and sacrifices noted in the historic legends of our country and written there by the blood and courage of our fathers, that somewhere along the road we are failing in our sacred obligations to society and that our task today is to revivify and revitalize that source of historic inspiration in order that again it may be made a factor for national patriotism and personal and fraternal inspiration."

"It is now our obligation to carry on with renewed hopes and to assist America by all intelligent and peaceful means to find a solution for our many perplexing and grave problems that are committed to us for a just solution and final disposition."

"Our test of strength, however, is not measured in terms of criticism and attacks beyond our control, but in the basic faith that must be retained in the Order by those who are charged with the responsibility of making vital and effective the teachings of Masonry and in retaining the ultimate objectives to which we all contribute in loyalty and devotion."

"We must look upon Masonry in America not as an institution that is on the decline or on a course that spells disintegration and lack of stability, but, on the contrary, take renewed hope and courage from the precepts of our order, because these precepts are founded on faith and stand for fortitude, courage and a spirit of equality and a square deal for all."

"While we cannot hold ourselves entirely aloof and slip our moorings from the staunch bulwarks that identify us with what has transpired in the past, yet it is quite obvious that our potentialities are now largely concerned with the future."

"Can we now chance an apathetic and indifferent attitude towards the destructive forces that have already broken into fragments and completely destroyed freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, and free Masonry in many parts of the world? Is it good counsel to ignore, in the face of overwhelming evidence, the insidious influences that may be set in motion in our country and whose primary object is to bring about the same ultimate result as we are constrained to witness in foreign countries regarding the faith and future of Masonry?"

"We as Masons should emphatically take the lead to strike down all attempts to substitute false theories and new ideologies for sound and basic principles which our national constitution guarantees to every living being within our vast domains."

"Let us to continue to embody in our daily activities any manifestations of the heart and hand which tend to sustain a neighborly

spirit and typify a friendly conception of our obligations to our brethren and those who are their kindred or dependent upon them."

"Masonry should not be permitted to retrogress, and if it does, we have no one to blame but ourselves. . . . What we need in this country is not added physical courage but an outpouring of moral courage. Many people of this country are lacking not only in moral courage but are indifferent and callous to those responsibilities that might exact from them a little personal inconvenience or individual sacrifices. These people do not desire to have moralization preached, and because they resent any curtailment in the matter of their personal conduct, both as to private and public life, except what they themselves have prescribed as their rule and guide, we are rapidly approaching a sociological problem that we cannot any longer seriously ignore.

"This insidious and narrow-minded outlook of mankind in this generation has left its imprint on Masonry. The selfish, narrow-gauged and materialistic attitude of people in every walk of life, if permitted to continue, will seriously interfere with the prestige to which our country is entitled, as well as act as a drawback to the growth and development of Masonry."

Another little item of which we need to be constantly reminded appears in the reply to the welcome to Grand Representatives: "So that wherever Masonry is existing today, the strength of our pack is the individual free Mason and as that individual free Mason lives the teachings of our great fraternity the pack will be strong, and in the future God give it strength."

Handsome reproductions of invitations, programs, and of an address by the Grand Chaplain at the Centennial Anniversary celebration held on October 8th, 1940, are a feature of the volume.

There are the usual "reams of statistics." Wonder who reads all these figures?

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence occupies 234 pages, of which Alberta receives a very generous share.

The fate of Masonry in Europe and elsewhere causes M. W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach, the Chairman of the Committee, to use forceful language:

"One dramatic, vital and overwhelmingly important event of recent date commands the attention of the Masonic world to the exclusion of almost every other subject, and that is, the fate of all grand lodges and Masons in those unfortunate countries which have been overcome by wicked, barbarous and cruel force. Peaceable nations, guilty of no offense, have been wantonly attacked, their farms and cities ravaged, their governments destroyed and their institutions crushed out of existence, their helpless men, women and children mercilessly machine-gunned while fleeing from destruction; all to gratify the malevolent hate and wicked ambition of a cruel and conscienceless dictator. Language fails to express the horror of decent people for such barbarous acts. The dictators, self-styled leaders, who are responsible for these atrocities, will merit and receive the condemnation of present generations and of posterity. Amongst this havoc, destruction and defilement of the most diabolical passions of the human soul, Freemasonry was among the first of the good and

desirable things to suffer complete suppression at the hands of the dictators; Masonic property and the property of Masons was confiscated; Masons were exiled and many were executed for no offense except that they were Masons. These atrocities combined constitute the unparalleled crime, not of this century alone, but of all the centuries of modern times."

Lodges. 993. Membership 197,623. Loss, 4,787.

M. W. Grand Master--Dan DeBaugh, Chicago.

R. W. Grand Secretary--Richard C. Davenport, Harrisburg.

The One Hundred and Second Annual Communication will be held in Chicago, October 14th, 1941.

A.M.M.

IOWA

The Ninety-seventh Annual Communication. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Homer E. Benjamin.

The Proceedings opened with an account of elaborate exercises, some of which are open to the public. The Grand Master opens his address on a note which is very common in all the Proceedings for 1940. He says: "Our responsibilities as good citizens and true Masons are far greater today than they have ever been, at any period, in our life's history," and "Each individual must build himself if he is to make his contribution toward the building of humanity as a power and enlightened brotherhood of mankind. Masonry's contribution to this troubled hour will be measured by the extent to which each of us lives a life in conformity to Masonic teaching and renders service for the common good of humanity."

In the section of his address marked "Condition of the Order", the Grand Master says: "Peace and harmony prevail throughout the State, and a spirit of optimism was, in most places, evident. I would not, however, want to convey to you the impression that we have reached, in Iowa Masonry, a state of perfection in all our Masonic endeavors. There are several things that we should seek to correct."

The business affairs of the lodges bring out this comment: "A Masonic lodge will make but little contribution in the community it serves if it meets only in stated communications for the purpose of paying bills and carrying on the business affairs of the lodge. To progress, a lodge must prepare a real program that will serve the entire membership, recognizing the fact that we have in our membership a cross-section of life. We do not all appreciate the same kind of programs: some are interested in the ritual, some in Masonic talks, others in social entertainment, and so forth."

In membership, a loss of 58 as against 305 for the previous year, is reported and the Grand Master feels confident that because of the apparent increase in Masonic activity, the year 1941 will show a further gain.

A visit of M. W. Bro. William D. Lawrence, Grand Master of the

Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and other distinguished guests from that province, is recorded.

The Grand Master has a kindly word for the Masonic Service Committee. He says, in part: "Masonry is a philosophy of life. In order to meet our full responsibility as Masons, we should endeavor to improve ourselves in Masonic knowledge. A Mason should ever seek Masonic light and truth, to the end that he may understand the philosophy of Masonry and thereby make it an active force in his daily life."

The famous Grand Lodge Library of Iowa continues to grow apace, and the "Bulletin" published by this Grand Lodge, than which there is no better in North America, has in its latest volume contributed a very considerable amount of information to the brethren of Iowa and those who are fortunate enough to obtain copies of this publication.

In presenting his fraternal review, M. W. Bro. E. R. Moore, says: "I do think, however, that it would be to the benefit of Masonry in this and other jurisdictions, to go through these reviews and get some conception of the problems, the programs, and acts in this and other jurisdictions where no doubt there are good Masons proceeding as faithfully toward the accomplishment of that which is good as we claim for ourselves." In similar words we have frequently made this recommendation to our own brethren, but I suppose it is the old story—"one man can lead a horse to water, but ten won't make him drink."

As is to be expected, some consideration is being given by the Grand Lodges of the United States of the part to be taken by Masons in the present world emergency. The following, taken from the reports on Division of Reference, will give some indication of the general opinion:

"As to the question of the participation of this Grand Jurisdiction in Masonic Welfare Work in case the United States becomes involved in the present war, may we say that we are in complete accord with the action taken by our Grand Master. Our conditions have changed considerably since the interchange of correspondence, and the danger of this country's involvement is much more imminent; and, while we feel that Masonry must do everything possible to alleviate suffering among our members and their dependents in case of war, yet we feel that a well worked-out program should be submitted before we blindly commit ourselves to participate in a program which might possibly not redound to our credit or be carried on by Masonry as a whole."

Reorganization of the various boards and committees of Grand Lodge is under consideration and a lengthy report was presented by a special committee on this work. It was referred to the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, but apparently has been referred to the next annual communication for further consideration.

In a list of fees and dues charged by the various lodges, we observe that the lowest fee is \$30.00 and the lowest dues \$4.50 per annum. We imagine that the lodges charging \$4.50 per annum for dues must have a hard time carrying on under present day conditions.

Simultaneous meetings of the lodges in the Jurisdiction are a feature of the work in Iowa. We observe that on a specified evening

in February last, the lodges were required to meet on the same evening to commemorate the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Recognition defers action without prejudice on the applications for recognition of the National Grand Lodge of Palestine, the Independent Grand Lodge of Cosmos, Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, the Grand Lodge of Cuscatlan, San Salvador. Recognition, however, is granted to the National Grand Lodge of France, and the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Bogota.

The Committee has the following to say in its report: "Your committee, after a review of world Masonic conditions, feels that our present duty is to lend our best efforts to such activities as will assist in cementing Masonic Brotherhood on the Western Hemispheres. We believe that there is much that can be done; and we recommend that the Committee on Grand Lodge Recognition for next year be requested to immediately take the necessary steps to procure authentic information for guidance and the study of South and Central American Grand Lodges, and that they (the Committee) be required to report their findings at the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge."

This year Iowa celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the coming of Freemasonry to the State with suitable public recognition. Preparations are also being made to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which takes place in 1943.

We observe with interest, in a sub-report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, an item which reminds us of a recommendation we made some years ago. The Iowa report reads as follows:

"On the trial of a Mason accused of a Masonic offence also punishable under the laws of the United States or those of any state or territory thereof, the record of his conviction in a Federal Court or a court of any state or territory of the United States, or a certified copy of such conviction, shall be competent evidence and prima facie proof of guilt; but evidence upon a Masonic trial shall not be limited to such record evidence." This seems to us eminently sensible, but did not suit the brethren of our Grand Lodge at the time.

The Committee on the Grand Lodge Library has this rather neat comment to make at the end of their report. The Library of Iowa is known the length and breadth of North America and nothing too good can be said for the records. Here is the quotation:

"Abraham Lincoln once said, 'He is my friend who loans me a book.' The Grand Lodge Library is doubly your friend, for it will loan you a book again and again. Truly, we are standing before the Beautiful Gate of the Temple, and, as we ask of the scholarly gentlemen who are its stewards, we shall receive—not silver, not gold—but books, and from them we shall acquire wisdom, the stuff of which characters are made. Then, indeed, shall our ashlar become perfect, and our stumbling-blocks priceless stepping-stones."

There are the usual voluminous statistics. Sometimes we wonder if it is worthwhile going to the expense of printing so many figures of which we often doubt the reading by the lodges.

In the fraternal review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions, Alberta, as always, receives a very generous portion. We extend

cordial thanks to M. W. Bro. Moore for his kindly reference to the present reviewer.

In his Foreword, M. W. Bro. Moore has this to say: "Comment occasionally appears on the failure of a large percentage of members to attend meetings or who manifest little desire to forward Masonic aims. Comparison is made with English Lodges where the reverse is true. No solution has been suggested.

"Most recognize that, while Masonry may not change, conditions do. Masonry is not Joshua to command the sun to stand still, nor can time be asked to turn back in its flight. The present, with all its uncertainties and anxieties, is in command and its demands must be met. Yet, withal, there is confidence that Masonry is fundamentally strong and can and will do much to achieve what humanity most needs—a co-operative and unselfish friendliness. Patience must be had for 'the day we have long sought' is not here."

In another place he says: "It may be well to refrain from preaching to an incorrigible world, but in hope and sincerity seek the baptism of the divine spark. Only a whole and abiding faith in the eternal goodness and justice of God will convince those who now scorn religion and philosophy as impractical or insincere. In this Masonry can have a part, though minor and obscure. But its leadership must be sincere, solid substance must supplant form or show, self-interest must be subrogated to altruistic service, jealousy and pride must fade before mutual helpfulness. Then will the great body of Masons, now inactive and lethargic, feel the inspirational call and unitedly make good the Masonic claims of moral and patriotic leadership." Altogether this is a most interesting and thought-provoking little homily.

Ninety-eighth Annual Communication to be held at Council Bluffs, June 10th, 1941.

Lodges 546. Membership 70,354. Loss 58.

M. W. Grand Master—Harry L. Searle, Bristow.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Charles C. Hunt, Cedar Rapids.

A. M. M.

IRELAND

The St. John's Day Meeting was held in Dublin on 27th of December, 1940, the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Raymond Brooke, presiding in the absence of the Grand Master. He stated that the M. W. the Grand Master and Lady Donoughmore were living in a much bombed area in the south of England, both their sons and their son-in-law were serving in the Forces of the King, while their daughter was a very active member of the London Auxiliary Fire Service. He read a letter from the Grand Master expressing his great regret at the impossibility of being at Grand Lodge and commenting on the very encouraging reports he had received on the condition of the

Order in Ireland. A wire conveying the New Year greetings of Grand Lodge was immediately sent, in reply to the letter.

The Deputy Grand Master then mentioned the passing of two prominent Irish Masons, one Bro. John Sivthorpe, P.S.G.D., who for forty-nine years was an elected member of the Grand Lodge of Instruction and had a profound knowledge of the Irish ritual and Freemasonry in general. He was also a recognised authority on Georgian architecture, of which Dublin has many beautiful examples among its buildings. The other brother was James Moore, Head Master of the Masonic School for Boys at Clonskeagh, who was appointed in 1897 and for forty-three years without a break faithfully discharged the trust he had been given. Many hundreds of boys must have passed through the school during that time and are to be found in all parts of the world, many of them no doubt occupying important positions, for he brought the school up to the front rank in reputation. A touching tribute to his memory by an old Masonic boy is printed in the Proceedings, from which we quote three paragraphs:

"Men have lived in this world and having died they became a memory only to their loved ones. Others endowed with unusual personal gifts have passed on and are remembered by all those with whom they have come in contact. A few have spent their lives in the service of others and when they have died a star has ceased to shine.

"This man who left us so suddenly has been a perfect example of service for others. That he has been spared for so long to carry on his work and that he has at all times had health and strength to discharge it, must surely mean that God has approved.

"Men have died for a cause, but men have also lived for one and for more than forty years James Moore has been in thought, word and deed a trustee for every boy passing through the school, and a counsellor and friend to them after they have gone out to the world. In many a widow's prayers his name has been spoken with gratitude for his goodness to her son. He has now passed on to render an account of his stewardship. Would that any one of us could present such an account when our time comes."

The worth of such men as this brother cannot be measured by any yardstick known to man. An influence so widespread will have an effect for generations. It makes one feel proud to know that such a man was a Mason.

R. W. Bro. Brooke found that in spite of great difficulties Masonry in Ireland is active, the lodges carrying on with their meetings, often under serious handicaps because of lack of numbers, due to so many serving in the Forces. There are also difficulties of travel owing to restrictions caused by regulations of sale of gasoline and the black-out of Northern Ireland, added to which there are a number of lodges which have had their lodge halls requisitioned for military use, so they have to resort to makeshifts to enable them to meet. Grand Lodge in order to help under these emergency conditions directed that the presiding officer shall have full power to dispense with the formal ceremony of closing a lodge and to close it forthwith, if in his discre-

tion he shall deem it expedient to do so, which ought to give us some idea of the state of emergency under which they must live over there.

The reports from the Provincial Grand Lodges speak of the same thing, but the determination with which they sought out ways and means to continue meeting regularly and also to attend to the financial needs of their many important Charities, is worthy of all praise. Two new lodges were instituted and new lodge halls were built or purchased, which goes to show that substantial progress in spite of everything has been made. The contributions to the Charities in some cases were almost double what they were in 1937.

It is noted that Irish Freemasonry does not recognise the suppression of Masonry in countries overrun by Hitler or Mussolini. The Board ruled that a brother seeking affiliation from a Constitution that has been suppressed or which has ceased to work, but which was recognised by the Grand Lodge of Ireland up to the time of its suppression or cessation, on showing his certificate or corresponding document, certifying that he was a Mason in good standing of the Constitution under which he was initiated before the suppression or cessation, due inquiries having been made about him, the permission of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master shall be necessary before the lodge can ballot on his application. Which means that a brother from one of these suppressed lodges can be accepted in an Irish lodge, after due inquiry and by permission of the Grand Master. In the Proceedings mention is also made of visitors being received from such suppressed Grand Lodges. One brother hailed from Lessing of the Three Rings, of Czechoslovakia.

J.H.W.S.K.

KANSAS

The Eighty-fourth Annual Communication was held in the City of Topeka, February 14th and 15th. Bro. Gish, the Grand Representative of Alberta, was present.

The Grand Master says, "The Church, the Home, the Public School and Freemasonry are the bulwarks of our civilization. Look well to your attitude and influence on these four vital institutions." The Grand Master feels if Freemasonry is to exert its proper influence in these troublous times "brotherhood must replace bickering; selfishness give way to service. Employee and employer must appreciate the mutuality of their relations and be led into helpful co-operation. The public servant must return to usefulness and we, the people, must think clearly and sensibly."

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence in regard to physical qualifications as set forth in the words of the ancient "Charges of Freemasonry". Thus the Landmarks of Masonry continue intact.

A very excellent address was delivered by Bro. Wm. F. Jackson on the subject "Bow Anew". He cites the relationship of the home, the church and the nation. He says, "I make no suggestion tha

Masonry should direct the home. I have no thought that this society can do the work of the church; nor would I substitute Masonry for the state or nation. Through you, Masonry can make the home the finest, advance the work of Christian forces and keep our democracy and save our nation."

C.C.H.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Fortieth Annual Communication was held at Louisville, October 15, 1940, M. W. Bro. Boswell B. Hodgkin, Grand Master, presiding. Alberta was not represented.

M. W. Bro. Hodgkin must have been one of the youngest Grand Masters to assume the Grand East on this continent. He was born in 1908 and entered the portals of Winchester Lodge No. 20 on June 16, 1931, receiving the Master Mason's degree in December of that year. Only four years later he was elected Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky—truly a spectacular advancement.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the Proceedings for his year off office give evidence of an energetic devotion to the duties of the office. He certainly gave full time to the work. The lists of his visits to lodges to the number of ninety is recorded. His rulings and decisions show that careful consideration was given in every case, and the fact that the Committee on Jurisprudence found very little to criticise shows that his judgment was sound.

There were two corner stones laid with Masonic ceremonies, one for a court house and the other for a government building at Fort Thomas. One lodge charter was arrested for failure to pay Grand Lodge dues and assessments. Three consolidations or amalgamations of lodges were affected, in each case the lodge which was absorbed in the process surrendering its charter and seal to Grand Lodge.

Under the heading, "Report of the Doings of Other Grand Lodges" a very complete review of sixty-nine Grand Lodges is made by W. Bro. A. C. Terhune, P.M. In his Foreword he gives a brief glimpse of Masonic conditions in twenty countries of Europe. Even as he wrote the lights were still being extinguished and he remarked that the brief summary might be out of date before it could appear in print. Of course the bright spot in Europe today is England and he believed that by the Grace of God it would always be such. He concluded by saying, "With these conditions existing, we of the United States should on bended knee thank the Great Architect of the Universe for freedom. Ask his protecting care on us and those of our Grand Jurisdiction who are still beholding the Great Lights."

Alberta receives fraternal attention for 1939, mentioning M. W. Bro. West's visit to Nova Scotia and referring to our Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. A. J. Davis as reminding him of one of the outstanding Masons of Kentucky, Bro. J. A. Davis, who will live long in the memories of Central Kentucky Masons. Our "A. J.", Bro. Terhune, is

doing an excellent job of work as Recording Officer for Military District No. 13 in Alberta, holding the rank of Major, and when the present unpleasantness is cleaned up, Kentucky is one place he intends to visit.

J.H.W.S.K.

MAINE

The Grand Lodge of Maine held its One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Communication in the City of Portland, May 7th, 8th, 9th, 1940. M. W. Bro. George F. Giddings presided, concluding two years of very active Masonic leadership.

Distinguished representatives of four sister Grand Jurisdictions were present, including Quebec.

R. W. Bro. Wm. D. Bruce, S.G.W., who succeeded M. W. Bro. Giddings as Alberta's representative, was present.

The Grand Master's address covering 46 pages is evidence of the businesslike leadership Maine has enjoyed during M. W. Bro. Giddings's tenure of office. Some 80 visits were made during the year.

His membership statistics show a total gain of 1,637 including 736 raised, while losses are 1,637, of which 791 were deaths. The net loss was 605, or 282 less than the yearly average over a ten year period. In spite of this, lodges are admonished to carefully investigate all applications since it is quality, not quantity that is desired.

To refute the charge that young men no longer apply for Masonic degrees, Maine leads a list of 22 Jurisdictions for having the youngest initiates, 62 per cent between the ages of 21 and 30 and 36 per cent between 21 and 25.

Two lodges were required to "heal" candidates who had been irregularly advanced; one was initiated the night he was elected, the other was advanced short of the required fourteen days.

A lodge was criticised for performing a funeral service at the home of the deceased brother and permitting another organization to conduct the committal ceremony at the grave. The Text Book provides that "a lodge taking charge of a body . . . must retain control of it until it is buried . . ."

The Grand Master recommended that lodge dues be not less than \$3.00. 25 per cent now have dues less than that amount. Action on this was deferred one year.

At least one lodge would not have suffered financially had the Grand Master's recommendation of a year ago that all lodge treasurers and secretaries be bonded, been adopted. He again "urgently" recommends that this action be taken. It was adopted by resolution, Grand Lodge to arrange the bonds and apportion the cost to the lodges.

In closing, he refers to the crushing blows suffered by Freemasonry where dictators hold sway—"I wonder if we appreciate living in the

U.S.A.? Sometimes I think we do not, because, since the landing of the Pilgrims on the shores of America, we have more or less taken for granted that it is the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave, without realizing that this glorious heritage can only be preserved by the sincere efforts of every clear thinking citizen.

"In order to uphold in each of us that personal feeling, it behooves the nearly three million Masons of America to stand shoulder to shoulder with right thinking men and women, to combat those subversive forces working in this country, with the sole objective of undermining our Democracy and our Masonic institutions."

The proceedings carry an 18 page account of the visit of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary to Britain for the occasion of the Installing of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England by His Majesty the King. The report of this outstanding event in Masonic history is given in interesting detail.

One hundred and ten Veterans' Medals were presented, Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. Leach was among the recipients.

The Josiah Hayden Drummond Medal being used this year for the first time in recognition for distinguished service was presented to eleven Brothers among whom was M. W. Bro. Ashley A. Smith and R. W. Bro. Convers E. Leach. In future only one Medal a year will be presented.

M. W. Bro. Smith, D.D., who is the Foreign Correspondent, acted on a Special Committee which submitted a new burial service for approval.

In the Foreword of his report on Correspondence he has some pointed criticism for the burial service now in use, and indicated that a new service is really needed. The one proposed by the special committee seems very impressive and is not long. He thinks the service is too often conducted by those who are careless in their rendition, mis-pronouncing words in such a way as to entirely alter their meaning. He recommends—"to avoid such mistakes that each constituent lodge have its special group of brethren with good voices, personality and community standing, commit the service to memory and be called upon by the W.M. to conduct the service whenever asked to do so by the family of the deceased brother."

The writer heartily agrees with the recommendation in preference to the tendency in some jurisdictions to discontinue the service entirely. Families of deceased brethren often place a high value on their Masonic connection and have a right to expect the lodge to keep up that connection until it has "paid its last sad office of respect to departed merit". It is also suggested that the service should be read when it is impossible to have it delivered from memory in an intelligent and impressive manner.

We appreciate M. W. Bro. Smith's generous review of Alberta's Thirty-fourth Annual Communication. Reference is made to outstanding points in M. W. Bro. West's address, to the reports of District Deputy Grand Masters and to M. W. Bro. Mitchell's reviews.

M. W. Bro. Harold H. Murchie, incoming Grand Master, in addition to being a successful attorney of long standing, has held

many offices of importance in the Government of the State. He has been a Mason since 1913 and has been active in the various branches of the Craft. Doubtless his election to the office of Grand Master is a well earned tribute to his worth.

Lodges 206. Members, 35,132. Net Loss 605.

M. W. Grand Master--Harold H. Murchie, Calais, Maine.

R. W. Grand Secretary--Convers E. Leach, Masonic Temple, Portland, Maine.

W.D.

MANITOBA

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was held in the Town of Flin Flon on the 12th day of September, 1939. This Special Communication was convened in order to lay the corner stone of the New Masonic Hall erected in Flin Flon. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. William B. Lawrence, was presented with a silver trowel by the Master of Flin Flon Lodge.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held in the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, on Wednesday, the 5th day of June, 1940, commencing at 8:10 p.m. M. W. Bro. Wm. Lawrence on the Throne. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative of Alberta, R. W. Bro. Hugh M. Kerr of Tweed Lodge No. 113 was among those received.

Distinguished guests were present from Albbertha, Saskatchewan, Minnesota, North Dakota and Nova Scotia. M. W. Bro. George Moore and M. W. Bro. John Kemmis were present from Alberta.

The Sacred Book of the Law of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island which lay on the Altar of the Grand Lodge of Alberta in 1940 was re-dedicated during the proceedings of Manitoba. The Grand Chaplain Rev. P. T. Pilkey was in charge and conducted the service in a most impressive manner.

M. W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence during his year presented Fifty Year Medals to ten Manitoba brethren.

The Grand Master and a number of the brethren have opportunities of visiting the American Jurisdictions and in return the Grand Officers of Minnesota and the Dakotas become the Distinguished Visitors at the Communications of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

It will be of interest to Alberta brethren to know that Manitoba has changed the time for the election of the District Deputy Grand Masters. The following amendment to the Constitution was passed:

"That the Past Masters, Masters and Sitting Wardens of the Lodges from each District who are in attendance at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master."

During the past five years the membership of Manitoba has

decreased 1,037 which compares favorably with our decrease of 1,745.

The Surplus in Manitoba's Endowment Fund stands at \$277,-782.24.

This volume contains a report of the Grand Historian, M. W. Bro. Wm. Douglas. This report is interesting and we are sure will be the basis of a further review of the History of Manitoba.

M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson—Grand Master.

R. W. Bro. J. H. G. Russell—Grand Secretary.

104 Lodges. 10,278 Members. Decrease 131.

M.M.D.

MASSACHUSETTS

Two Hundred and Seventh anniversary. Quarterly communications held at Boston, March 13, June 12, September 11 and December 11, 1940. Grand Master, Joseph Earl Perry, presiding.

Again the Proceedings of this venerable Grand Lodge run the gamut of Masonic spirit, life and action at home and abroad, forming a storehouse of current Masonic thought which has no peer.

Success in the passing of one of the most famous of Grand Secretaries, M. W. Bro. Dr. Frederick W. Hamilton, at the ripe age of eighty years, is reflected in the Proceedings which include eulogy and tribute to his memory. His death is a great loss to the Fraternity wheresoever dispersed.

We note that our Grand Representative, R. W. Bro. George A. Chisholm, was able to attend three of the quarterly communications.

The Grand Master's comments and address form a sizeable section of the volume and from them we now quote as much as space permits of the items most likely to be of interest to our brethren.

On the Effect of Social Security Legislation

Reviewer's Note: It is the opinion of this reviewer that with advancing recognition of state responsibility for social problems involving the broad activities grouped under the term "Relief," the drain on Masonic Benevolent Funds will be gradually reduced.

Says the Grand Master: "Our experience thus far is that the various types of governmental payments and distributions have reduced, somewhat, the demands for outside relief, but the number of guests at the Home and Hospital have not diminished. The places of some, who without the public aid would have been our guests, have been taken by others whom we could not have accommodated so, to that extent, we have merely expanded the frontiers of our relief work."

The Washington Conferences

"Forty-five out of the forty-nine American Jurisdictions were represented at the Conference of Grand Masters, but the only Cana-

dian representative was R. W. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. His presence was deeply appreciated and it is sincerely hoped that the other Canadian Jurisdictions may accept the invitation to become members of the Conference," which, under present world conditions, would seem to be an eminently sensible comment.

Under this head several quotations are made from a paper by M. W. Bro. J. Edward Allen of North Carolina, a very well-known figure in the Fraternity. We quote, in part, two thought-provoking comments:

"We recoil with something akin to horror when we read of the fact that Freemasonry has been proscribed in Germany and in all lands under her domination; we stand aghast at the reports of the massacre of Masons in Spain; we read with great sorrow of the virtual extinction of the organization in other countries; and with it all we seem to fail to realize that right here in the United States of America we have lost more of Masonic membership in the past ten years, than there ever were in all of the non-English-speaking Grand Lodges in the world combined, and many more to spare. If we might but remove this beam from our own eye, we might with proper perspective perceive more clearly the mote that is perceptible on the Masonic horizon in countries to the east of us."

"The most phenomenal item of the foreign Masonic news of the present is the extraordinary growth in membership which has been shown in the British Grand Lodges. Not so many years ago, the Grand Lodge of New York was reputed to be the largest body of Symbolic Freemasonry in the world; today, unquestionably that honor goes to the United Grand Lodge of England. While the American bodies were losing members, the United Grand Lodge was growing apace. It is now said to have four hundred and fifty thousand members. The outstanding characteristic of this organization is the number of small, compact, class-divided Lodges which are numbered on its rolls. The number of members in an average lodge is considerably less than one hundred. One finds numbers of lodges composed of alumni of some school; of officers of some corporation; of professional men of homogeneous thought; and of vast numbers of connections similar in kind. Plural membership is widely practised."

From a short address by the Grand Master on "Freemasonry and Youth" we quote the following:

"For the long range, ultimate good of Freemasonry and of all it hopes to accomplish we should adhere strictly to Masonic activities however laudable the objectives that would beckon us away."

"But men who are Masons should not live in a vacuum or fear to put into practice the kindly impulses and lofty ideals they receive from their Masonry. To repress those impulses, to withhold the helping hand, is to defeat the very purpose of Masonic teaching."

"Every school teacher, principal, and superintendent, every leader of a Four H Club, or Scout Troop or Cub Pack, or DeMolay or Rain-Chapter, Hi-Y, or Y.M.C.A. or Y.W.C.A., or Sunday School or other proper organization ought, as a matter of course, to be assured of the sympathy and support of every Mason. Such support should

be both financial and personal—an investment of finances and an investment of self.”

“Some who seem competent to judge believe that the need is not so much for many organizations or for new organizations to serve youth as it is to support the best of those already in existence so that they may work more effectively.”

“We should never proselyte, either in fact or in appearance, and we should not intrude on any group which might resent our interest, but, with those exceptions, we should try to aid the youth of all ages and races and religious affiliations. We have done far too little for youth in the past. There are many undesirable influences seeking to entice youth. For our own good, for theirs, and for the good of mankind we should throw ourselves wholeheartedly into the service of young people.”

The provision of a medal for successful Masters of Lodges of Instruction was voted down.

The death of the Grand Secretary was the source of inspiration for two fine addresses by the Grand Master, “Immortality” and “Freemasonry and Religion”. We refrain from quotation as unsatisfactory in this type of address, but commend their perusal in the Proceedings.

“Building a Life in a Changing World” is still another challenging address by the Grand Master. From it we quote:

“In building our lives in a changing world, therefore, we have the inestimable advantage of being able to rely implicitly on the infallibility of the laws of nature and human nature—if we can find out what they are. The search for them is one of the endless quests of individual men and of mankind in general.”

“In a world of change it is imperative to have within oneself a solid support built on reasoned convictions and tested standards. Fortunate the person who has an inner fortress in which he can find refuge when his outer world is crumbling around him. Doubly fortunate is he who has inner convictions, a code of standards, to sustain him when the rest of the world seems everywhere to disintegrate. Such a reservoir of poise and perspective, of independence and integrity, of self-reliance and courage, is literally invaluable in building a life in a changing world.

“To an amazing extent, it is possible to build such a foundation if one is willing to pay the price in effort and persistence. Such a foundation should not be confused with opinionated stubbornness. A strong mind need not be a closed mind, nor need an open mind be a weak one. In a changing world there is need for a certain humility of thought that carries with it flexibility and receptivity to new ideas, but it should be the humility of strength and not of weakness, of challenge and not of servility. The long-range experience of all mankind discloses a nucleus around which to build such a foundation, inherent in which are such qualities as honesty, industry, self-reliance, self-respect, idealism, courage, justice, tolerance, kindness. All of these are qualities that can be cultivated; all of them are invaluable in building a sure foundation within oneself. With such a foundation it is amazing

with what stability a life may stand, and still stand, amidst the swirling chaos of a changing world."

"One who invests his life in the service of his fellowmen has an inexhaustible interest outside himself. In the rebuilding which will be needed in this changing world no one need ever lack for worthwhile interests outside himself. Such interests wisely selected and cultivated afford a strong foundation on which to build a life in a changing world."

"What matter how you define that Something which through the ages has created man and endowed him with intellectual and spiritual vision? That great Force is still at work. We are but on the threshold of what we may become. All language is but a symbolical representation of ideas and the label we use for that constructive Something is "God". Whatever the skeptics or the atheists may say about God, every chapter in the long story of life tells of the existence and the power of that Something which we call God."

"There comes a precise moment when molten metal cools to a point where it can be molded and tempered and the imprint and texture then received become permanent. Our whole civilization is now at or approaching such a point. Present and impending developments will result in a new world—economically, politically, intellectually, spiritually. It can be infinitely better than anything yet known. It can be far worse. Whether we wish it or not, the influence of our lives, whether great or trivial, good or ill, will be indelibly impressed on the future life of mankind."

The very modern idea of making motion pictures of Grand Lodge officials is recorded thus: "In order to preserve for our archives a record of the appearance in life of our Grand Lodge officials, motion pictures were taken, on May 2nd, of several of our Past Grand Masters, the Board of Directors, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Secretary. Others may be added as opportunity offers. The tragic timeliness of this was shown by the death of our Grand Secretary less than a month after these pictures were taken."

From a short note on "War and Peace", we quote this:

"One of the deeper lessons of this war is that it is less a conflict of arms than it is of human beliefs and principles. The conflict knows no lines of geography, for its front-line trenches are in the thoughts and attitudes of every living person. You and I are as much in that form of battle as are those in uniform. Only you and I are able to combat the Fifth Column that seeks to undermine the maintenance of our own standards of right, of justice, of decency, of mercy. Vigilance, resolution, courage, uncompromising tenacity, are needed to defend those principles."

Publication of the History of the Grand Lodge, a Digest of Masonic Law and a Condensation of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge, are announced. Copies should be purchased for our library.

Here is an interesting comment on the practice of "Vouching":

"One who has sat with a brother in a Chartered Lodge or in a Lodge of Instruction may vouch for him in another Lodge of Instruction, but sitting with a brother in a Lodge of Instruction is not sufficient to enable one to vouch for him in a Chartered Lodge. Only by sitting

with a brother in a Chartered Lodge can one vouch for his admission to another Chartered Lodge."

A suggestion regarding the promotion of officers is likewise timely:

"The suggestion for the particular lodges is that each Worshipful Master shall serve for two years and each Warden for but one, with or without promotion from Junior Warden to Senior Warden, but with no automatic promotion from Senior Warden to Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master must be chosen from among the Wardens but in a short time there would be a fair-sized group of qualified Wardens from whom the choice could be made instead of only one who expects to be promoted. It is suggested that this would allow the entire line to progress each year so the time of service in line through Senior Warden could be no more than seven years at the maximum. It would also give a wider choice of personnel from whom the Worshipful Master could be selected, and might tend to give each Warden an extra incentive for better work.

"Whether the objections—obvious or latent—would outweigh the supposed advantages can be disclosed only by actual trial. If such a trial is made it would be helpful if then the Grand Master could be kept fully informed, but whether or not the experiment is to be made is wholly within the free discretion of each Lodge."

Several other most interesting topics, such as "Perpetual Jurisdiction," "Masonic Discipline", "The Man on the Sidelines", "Unity of Objectives—Non-Unity of Action", "Lodge Notices" and "Ballotting" almost demand quotation, but space forbids. There are, too, accounts of anniversaries of many lodges, each complete with the lodge history, but we can but refer you to the Proceedings, guaranteeing profitable reading.

There is no report on Foreign Correspondence.

M. W. Grand Master—Albert A. Schaefer, Boston.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Frank H. Hilton, Belmont.

A. M. M.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

The Eightieth Annual Communication was held at the City of Pachuca, the 21st March, 1940, at which the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Jacob Stamp presided. Owing to conditions obtaining throughout the country, Alberta was not represented.

After extending a very hearty welcome to the brethren, the Grand Master reviewed world conditions as he saw them at that time, and he stated that "It is at times such as these that we may gauge whether our teachings—the teachings of our beloved institution—have become an integral part of our mentality." He then went on to assure the brethren that "It is in such times as these that we realize that though the noblest impulses of man are being trampled under foot, yet the high ideals, the sublime teachings of our Order, will uphold us until we arrive at that peaceful harbour—where the wicked cease from

troubling and the weary are at rest'." He expressed the hope that the tenets and principles of the Craft would help to bring relief to suffering humanity, and warned them to hold the torch high and thus by precept and example sow the seed that may one day enlighten our fellowmen.

The Grand Master reviewed in detail his stewardship and the activities of Grand Lodge for the year. He recorded the great loss to their Grand Lodge owing to the untimely passing of their Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. William Wiseman.

Arising out of a recommendation by the Grand Master, Grand Lodge decided to curtail the Proceedings as far as possible and that, as a measure of economy, the reviews of other Grand Jurisdictions be discontinued.

A brief but very forceful address was given by the Grand Orator M. W. Bro. Sidney Ulfedler, P.G.M., and in a very positive manner he tackles world conditions with the intolerance, hate and emphatic hostility of the European Dictators, and in his closing remarks he asks the very pertinent question, "What will become of Masonry and even the world under the tyranny of these men?" and then replies: "Masonry—Awake—be prepared—devote your effort to overcome this so we can live again in Peace and Harmony and follow the symbolism of the Trowel—to cement us into one body of friends and brothers where Truth and Justice, Liberty of Speech and Conscience, Peace and Brotherly Love abide."

In his report the Grand Secretary notes that notwithstanding the conditions under which their lodges are labouring, and the dearth of candidates, yet there prevails a feeling of optimism which is very gratifying, and that there is a determination on the part of the constituent lodges which augurs well for the future.

The reports of the D.D.G.M.'s are generally speaking very optimistic, and express the hope for success in the future.

Lodges, 14. Membership, 662. Loss, 15.

The Eighty-first Annual Communication is to be held in the City of Tampico, Tamps, 11th April, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Frank D. DeVotic, Guanajuato, Gto.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Fred T. Berger, Mexico City.

J.M.

MICHIGAN

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication was held in Bay City, May 28th and 29th. M. W. Bro. Francis B. Lambie, G.M., presiding. Foreign Representatives were received in usual form, but Alberta does not appear to have been represented.

The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, many years ago, defined Masonry, and the Grand Master quoted these words:

"Masonry is a specialized Institution, universal in scope and so ancient that its origin reaches into the dim past. A Masonic lodge is not a voluntary or club society. It is not a separate and independent body, free to adopt any law and pursue any course of conduct which may suit the pleasure of its members. It is a part of the whole Institution and therefore bound to make, interpret and apply the laws to carry out the broad principles of Masonry and without the moral right or legal power to change the general plan or scheme of the Institution, even in its own jurisdiction." This reviewer feels these sentences worthy of consideration by the brethren in Alberta too.

In his address, the Grand Master says, "In great contrast with Masonry in England is the great number of subsidiary organizations we have, each of which predicates its membership on Masonry. Many of these organizations are very laudable in character, but calling them Masonic does not make them so, and certainly diverts from Masonry the talents of many able brothers that might be employed for the upbuilding of the Craft. It is the opinion of many that when Freemasonry blends or unites with other organizations for any purpose, Freemasonry loses its distinctive character, which is the outstanding feature of our specialized Institution, and becomes just another organization." The Grand Lodge of Michigan sponsors the Order of De Molay, with limitation.

Masonry in this jurisdiction has been active and several lodges report no outstanding dues. All appear to be in better financial condition than a year ago. The Grand Master attributes this, in part, to the employment by Grand Lodge of an auditor to help the lodges, This is a temporary measure.

This Grand Jurisdiction decided to eliminate examination as to proficiency following the degree of Master Mason.

Number of Lodges 512. Membership 110,969. Net loss, 1,292.

C.C.H.

MINNESOTA (1939)

The Eighty-sixth Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held in St. Paul on the 18th and 19th January, 1939, being presided over by M. W. Grand Master Ralph W. Stanford.

There were 269 lodges represented at the communication, and Alberta was duly represented by its Grand Representative, Bro. Edwin J. Simon.

M. W. Grand Master Stanford presented a detailed report of his year's work showing that he had been very busy and had many matters to deal with. Among the many visitations was one to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and we are certain they were more than pleased to welcome him to their Annual Communication.

In this Jurisdiction a communication is held in each of the constituent lodges for the purpose of rededication by the members to the service of Masonry, which would appear to be working very satis-

factorily and might be worthy of general consideration. It is possible that such an annual occasion as this, accompanied by special activities might tend to maintain a better interest on the part of many members, who would outwardly at least appear to have lost interest in their membership. In any case, the results generally speaking were satisfactory to the Grand Master.

The Grand Master recommended the bonding of lodge secretaries and treasurers, but the committee reported opposed to it in view of the same question having been before the Grand Lodge previously.

The Proceedings contain all the reports of the various committees of Grand Lodge and generally indicate that the condition of Masonry from every view point is quite satisfactory in the jurisdiction of Minnesota.

M. W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery, P.G.M., Fraternal Correspondent, sums up the situation in the following words: "There is no reason to be discouraged or to falter in our hopes for the future of Masonry. Its foundation is built upon the solid and lasting principles of Truth, Right and Justice and based upon the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. These are eternal and cannot be destroyed by any earthly power." With these sentiments we most heartily agree and if there should be any undue pessimism on the part of any person they should concentrate on this thought as above expressed by M. W. Bro. Montgomery, and emerge from that cloud of discouragement.

A very generous Review of the Alberta Proceedings is given by M. W. Bro. Montgomery.

Lodges, 303. Membership, 48,584. Decrease, 813.

M. W. Grand Master—Gunnar H. Nordbye, Minneapolis.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John H. Anderson, St. Paul.

J.A.L.

MINNESOTA (1940)

The Eighty-seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota was held at St. Paul on the 17th and 18th January, 1940, with M. W. Grand Master Gunnar H. Nordbye presiding.

The attendance was very good as there were 271 lodges duly represented out of the 302 on the roll. Bro. Edwin J. Simon was present to answer the roll call on behalf of Alberta, and for this we are very grateful to him.

During the year there were four Occasional Communications of the Grand Lodge held, at all of which M. W. Grand Master Nordbye was present and presided.

And there was an outstanding event in one of the constituent lodges, Hematite Lodge No. 274, at which time a presentation was made to the Grand Master of hand hammered, wrought iron Masonic Jewels, a gift and presentation which no doubt M. W. Bro. Nordbye will prize among his most valued treasures for the balance of his days.

The appreciation of this gift is borne out by the reference to it in the Address of the Grand Master.

M. W. Grand Master Nordbye, like his predecessors in office, had an exceptionally busy year both from the standpoint of visitations and in the conduct of the Grand Lodge business. During the year the Grand Lodge of Minnesota once again became a member of the Masonic Service Association, through which Bulletins, etc., are provided for the benefit of the constituent lodges and members.

The Address of M. W. Bro. Nordbye contains much interesting and very potent material, and for the benefit of those who might not have the opportunity of reading his address, we would like to quote the following therefrom: "The never-changing principles of Freemasonry shine as a beacon light to the bewildered souls who are groping for light and hope. Its position on the great principles of life has never changed. In a world where forces of atheism have endeavored to strike down the faith of our fathers, it teaches the existence of a Deity to whom we owe allegiance and reverence. In a world of intolerance and class hatred, it teaches kindliness, tolerance and brotherly love. In a world where hypocrisy, duplicity and dishonesty are condoned, Masonry endeavors to bring about a better world by impressing its votaries with the nobler attributes of life.

The customary detailed reports of the various committees show that conditions continue very good in Minnesota, and as a matter of fact although a decrease in membership is shown it is less than for some years.

It is noted with deep regret that the Grand Master installed at this Communication, namely M. W. Bro. Milo B. Price, died on February 19th, 1940, while enroute to represent this Grand Lodge at the Conference of Grand Masters. This is a most unfortunate loss to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota and we in Alberta extend our sincerest sympathies.

M. W. Bro. E. A. Montgomery, Foreign Correspondent, has included in his report a review of the Alberta Proceedings, and this in a very fine and kindly manner.

Lodges, 302. Membership, 47,956. Decrease, 715.

Acting Grand Master—R. W. Deputy Grand Master Chauncey C. Colton.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John H. Anderson, St. Paul.

J.A.L.

MONTANA

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication was held at Butte on the 21st and 22nd August, 1940, presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Edwin Fredlund.

The following distinguished guests were introduced: the Grand Masters of North Dakota, Wyoming, Idaho and Saskatchewan, the

J.G.W. of the District of Columbia, the Grand Secretary of Saskatchewan, the D.D.G.M. of Washington, and the Grand Tyler of Nebraska.

Alberta was again represented by her veteran Grand Representative, M. W. Bro. James W. Speer.

Grand Lodge received a very cordial welcome by the Mayor of Butte, W. Bro. Charles A. Hauswirth.

In his address the Grand Master reports that in general, the condition of the Craft is good, that peace and harmony prevail throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, that for the last two years, or more, they have been moving in the direction of progress, with less suspensions and dismissions, and an increase in degree work.

He points to the marked improvement of conditions which has been working its way back, perhaps slowly, but effectively through educational work and the special efforts of those who have become more Masonic conscious, and so he stated that "In any event, it is pleasant to note that our Masonic Ship is moving along on an even keel and true course in a channel of peace and harmony, and that the year ahead of us presents an even better outlook for further development and progress."

R. W. Bro. Carl H. Claudy, J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, delivered an inspiring and instructive address on "The Unknown Mason". By request this was not reported.

M.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Master of Saskatchewan, gave a very fervent address, stressing the need of building for tomorrow. He thought we were trying to live in a world without justice, without honour and without Masonry, and reminded them "that everything that is not built on Truth will fall." He emphasized the fact that in his opinion the character of Masons will redeem the world of the many ills which now seem to have it in possession and looked to Masonry to play a great part in the new order of civilization.

The address of the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. George S. Sloan, dealt with many matters pertinent to conditions in the world at the present time, and the whole address is well worth reading.

Amongst other things he pointed to the need of an appreciation of our relation to all people in the world if we are to keep alive within us the best which we have.

He developed at length the question, "Who is my neighbour?" He regretted the fact "That the great lack in the hearts of men today is a sense of obligation to the world," and he pointed to the need of "building into the heart of men and women a courage that will enable them to dare and to do right even though it may mean one's pathway will lead into ways of difficulty and away from the public trough."

Finally he urged us to seize the opportunity of taking our full share and responsibility to build a new world.

Number of Lodges 136. Membership 17,808. Gains, 882, Losses 881.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Missoula on the 20th and 21st August, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—John T. Orr, Dillon.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Luther T. Hauberg, Box 896, Helena.
J.M.

NEBRASKA

The Eighty-third Annual Communication was held in the Masonic Temple, Omaha, on June 4th and 5th, 1940, M. W. Bro. W. J. Breckenridge, Grand Master, presiding. Seventeen Past Grand Masters who were present were cordially welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address was a careful review of a vast number of Masonic activities during his year. His attention was divided among many valuable works and Masonry surely reaped benefits from his efforts. He paid tribute to the happy relations between Masonry in the United States and Canada, saying "None of us have any fear, as we think alike, live alike and believe in each other. . . . and our hearts beat together in devotion to one common cause—the Liberty that is ours." How grateful we are, Most Worshipful Sir, that this is true!

The Grand Master was called upon for many decisions and his opinions seem to hold closely with Alberta law, although we do not have objection to a lodge making a by-law to discount dues if paid before a certain date. In regard to physical disqualifications, the Grand Master raises the question of whether capable, bright, intelligent men should be deprived of the privileges of Masonry through some slight physical defect or accident, if they are not likely to become charges on the Fraternity. This is an old question, with which we have all struggled, and must be settled not by definite rule but by deep consideration of the individual case.

The Grand Master recommended a service committee for the Grand Master, consisting of three members, with but one new member each year. This would be a "carry-on" committee of advisory nature, valuable because of its familiarity with subjects in hand and past experiences. Would it tend to the routine developed in most of our Grand Lodge committees and lessen the initiative and change of thought, influence and aspiration which is one value in an annual change of the head of a jurisdiction? Some part of the Craft is reached by each Grand Master in turn, all of it by none, perhaps—and after all, how great, often is the result of labor because it is a matter close to the heart of the Grand Master, and he does it in his own way. The most business-like? Not necessarily; but perhaps the most personal.

Lodges 291. Number of Members, 31,330. Loss (the smallest for years), 406.

M. W. Grand Master—Earl J. Lee.

R. W. Grand Secretary, Lewis E. Smith, P.G.M.

Next Annual Communication, Masonic Temple, Omaha, June 3rd, 1941.

C.C.H.

NEW BRUNSWICK

The Seventy-third Annual Communication of The Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick was held in Saint John on the 22nd day of August, 1940.

The Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. R. Donald Stewart, presided.

Alberta was represented by R. W. Bro. Peter Fraser, Past Deputy Grand Master.

In his address, the Deputy Grand Master referred to the great loss sustained by their Grand Lodge owing to the death of the M. W. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. John Thornton. A complete report of the Masonic Funeral is given as a reprint from a local paper. A short Memorial Service was also held after the opening of Grand Lodge, conducted by the Grand Chaplain, R. W. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Y. Martin, who delivered a most appropriate and impressive address.

After referring to the horrors of the present conflict and the fall of so many countries through the work of the mailed fist, the Deputy Grand Master pointed with pride to the fact that the members of our Fraternity have been obedient to the call, and that many have already gone over to help the Mother Country in her struggle against barbarism and fanaticism, and are ready to lay down their lives for the sacred principles of liberty and democracy. He enjoins those of us who are physically unfit or beyond the age limit, to strive to the very utmost in our support of the patriotic and charitable institutions and to serve in whatever capacity we may be called upon by lawful authority to undertake.

The Grand Secretary's Report shows a total membership at December 27th, 1939, of 5,162. The increase for the year was 179; the loss 241; with a net decrease for the year of 62.

There is no Review of Fraternal Correspondence in the Proceedings.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Communication will be held at St. John, on Thursday, the 28th of August, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Charles A. Alexander, Campbellton.

V. W. Grand Secretary—Robert D. Magee, St. John.

J.M.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Fifty-first Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire was held at the City of Concord on May 15th, 1940, with M. W. Bro. Warren H. Tucker, Grand Master, presiding.

The volume also contains the proceedings of the Semi-Annual Communication and the six District Lodge of Instruction.

In the list of Grand Representatives we regret to note the absence of the Representative for Alberta. Among the distinguished visitors

were the Grand Masters of Rhode Island and Connecticut, a Past Grand Master from Maine and several other brethren of rank in New England Masonry.

The address of the Grand Master is a very readable document from which we learn that New Hampshire suffered the loss by death of two of its Past Grand Masters, namely M. W. Bro. George E. Danforth and Harry G. Noyes. The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of this Grand Lodge was celebrated on July 8th, 1939. A full account of this celebration has been prepared in pamphlet form but unfortunately it is not reproduced in the Proceedings of 1940, for we are sure the work by M. W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser, Grand Secretary, would make very interesting reading. Our congratulations go out to New Hampshire and we trust that the good work she is doing will be continued for many years to come. *

In order to encourage the reading of the Grand Lodge Proceedings this Grand Lodge will in future supply five copies to each lodge, and the Masters and Wardens urged to see that the Grand Master's Address and other portions are read in lodge.

The non-attendance of Masters and Wardens at Grand Lodge is a matter of grave concern which Grand Master Tucker deploras and urges that a proxy may serve equally as well; but much is lost to the Master or Warden who does not attend, while those who do, receive knowledge and inspiration as well as enjoying the contacts made with the brethren of the State.

From the report of Foreign Correspondence we learn that the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire has been formally recognized by the Grand Lodge of Sweden and representatives exchanged.

Recognition has been extended to the National Grand Lodge of Egypt; the Grand Lodge of the State of Para, Brazil; and the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas and the Grand Lodge of Cosmos, of the Republic of Mexico. As a matter of information we quote the following from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence relative to Masonry in Mexico:

"The Republic of Mexico has seventeen Grand Lodges working in the Spanish Language, which apparently conform to our code of standards. None of them are recognised by us, although repeated requests by several of them have been made. We only recognize the York Grand Lodge, which is composed of brethren of our nationality. Naturally the seventeen Mexican bodies, with approximately fifteen thousand members, resent the fact that the York Grand Lodge of comparatively few members, working in a foreign tongue, is the direct or indirect means of preventing their recognition by Grand Lodges in the United States."

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of M. W. Bro. J. Melvin Dresser with a very interesting foreword designed with the aim of stimulating the appetite to drink deeper of the treasures found in the proceedings of the several Grand Lodges reviewed. Alberta receives very sympathetic treatment at the hands of M. W. Bro. Dresser and we thank him for his kindly reference.

W.I.

NEW JERSEY

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Jersey was held at Trenton on the 17th and 18th April A.D. 1940, being presided over by M. W. Joseph C. Imhoff, Grand Master.

During the year Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held on two occasions, both for the purpose of laying corner stones for new Post Office Buildings at two points, and on each occasion M. W. Grand Master Imhoff presided.

The Annual Communication was very largely attended, there being a total of 276 lodges duly represented, and this out of a total of 284 lodges in the Jurisdiction, is indeed a creditable showing.

It is noted with pleasure that the Alberta Representative to New Jersey, R. W. John R. Wiltsie, was present and represented our Jurisdiction at the Annual Communication. We thank him for this.

This being one of the older Jurisdictions in the United States it is with interest the proceedings are read, and it is always noted that the presiding Grand Master is kept exceptionally busy and is obliged to devote a great deal of his time to his duties during his year of office. It was of course no exception for M. W. Grand Master Imhoff, whose address covers all the many and varied activities taken part in and carried out by him during the year. While Grand Master he paid 145 visits, as such, within the New Jersey Jurisdiction and in addition made 15 visitations in other Jurisdictions.

M. W. Grand Master Imhoff dealt with many matters of importance in his report, such as the matter of ages of applicants for initiation, and he suggests, in the light of conditions in his Jurisdiction, that the lodges would do well to give consideration to the useful years ahead of those who apply for our privileges, and select those who can be of service to the Craft. And he also deals with another matter which confronts lodges of New Jersey, and that is as regards members from other jurisdictions where changes have taken place in those other Grand Lodges where Masonry has been banned or otherwise restricted. His remarks and recommendations to his Grand Lodge are too lengthy to quote here, but could well be studied as the same situation no doubt will arise in many Jurisdictions. Our congratulations to M. W. Grand Master Imhoff for the work done by him during his tenure of office.

We note with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of New Jersey was represented at the Grand Lodge of England on the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent as Grand Master, a fine gesture which helps spread the cement of brotherly love and affection of which there cannot be too much in these days. A detailed report was presented by M. W. Bro. Lum, P.G.M. of New Jersey, of his attendance at this special Installation ceremony.

R. W. Bro. David McGregor, Grand Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence quotes figures relative to conditions in different parts of the world which are of interest. He shows the membership in the United States as 2,499,401 which is 1.32 per cent lower than the previous year, while Canada has a membership of 171,298 with about the same percentage of loss. The Grand

Lodge of England with a membership of over 400,000 shows an increase and likewise each of the seven Grand Lodges of Australasia show an increase.

There were a number of distinguished visitors welcomed at the Communication, each of whom had a message of interest to the brethren in attendance, and from two of these I would take a short extract or two. R. W. Bro. W. R. Weisiger, Grand Junior Warden of Virginia, pictured the true Mason in the following words:

"It is important to Masonry that her sons be identified, not by the frequency or regularity of their lodge attendance, not by the emblems they wear, but by their integrity, their honesty of conduct, their allegiance to God and country, their services to their fellowmen. By their fruits should they be identified."

Bro. A. Harry Moore, Governor of the State of New Jersey, gave an address which we would like to copy verbatim but of course space does not permit so will quote two or three extracts as the most pertinent to the general trend of his remarks. He said:

"Masonry is just like that beam. (Referring to the radio beam for an airplane.) Masonry is a way of life. It is a beam for men who are honest and for men who are true and for men who are loyal and for men who believe in the greatest and truest things in life, in heaven and on earth." Then again he later said: "That is the glorious thing about Masonry. It is a way of life that reaches from the beginning to the end; that reaches to the very throne of God Himself. It is a straightforward beam of light for man to follow. It is your duty and mine to get men moving along that fine, splendid beam."

R. W. Bro. McGregor includes a review of the Proceedings of Alberta in the many Jurisdictions reviewed by him.

Lodges, 284. Membership, 73,687. Decrease, 1,810.

M. W. Grand Master—C. Lyle Hagaman.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Isaac Cherry, Trenton.

J.A.L.

NEW MEXICO

The Sixty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico was held at Santa Fe on the 21st and 22nd October, 1940, with M. W. Grand Master Louis C. Rockett presiding.

The Grand Lodge of New Mexico appears to be a very busy one and one which for at least the past three years, to the knowledge of the writer, occupies an enviable position in that in each of these years it has shown a net increase in membership. May this condition continue and may it also come to our own Jurisdiction.

There were six Special Communications of the Grand Lodge held during the year for various purposes, one of which was to constitute and consecrate a new lodge under Charter, which brings the number of lodges in the Jurisdiction to 55.

The Address of M. W. Grand Master Rockett reviews the activities of the Grand Lodge for the year, and although space is somewhat

limited in this Review there are a few interesting matters we would like to mention. Reference is made to an open air meeting of one of the constituent lodges at which the third degree was conferred, and this was largely attended by brethren from coast to coast, so apparently the idea took very well.

It is interesting to note that the "Travelling Bible" from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was on the altar throughout the Communication and was rededicated on this occasion. Up to this time this volume of the Sacred Book of the Law had only five other Grand Lodges in the United States to visit to make its journey complete, and possibly by the present it has completed the journey.

The Grand Master summarizes the situation in New Mexico in these words: "Freemasonry in New Mexico continues to prosper in a satisfactory condition. Masonic morale moves along on a high plane and generally is conducive to harmony and well-founded optimism." Congratulations are due and well deserved for the manner in which Freemasonry has progressed in this Jurisdiction and we express the hope that the future will be just as good, if not better, than your past splendid record.

The Report of R. W. Bro. Geo. L. Machen, the Grand Lecturer, is most interesting and it is quite evident that he is kept very busy in fulfilling his many duties, and no doubt he is materially responsible for the development of the Work among the lodges. He visited every lodge once and some more than this as well as attending special meetings of different constituent lodges, all of which goes to make a full year of activity for any one person. In his report he makes a statement with which this reviewer is certain many most heartily agree, and that is "For the past three years, I have consistently urged lodges to make a sustained effort to reinstate suspended members, feeling that a brother reinstated is, in most instances, of more value to a lodge than a new member." His suggestion has apparently produced results as it is noted that 99 members were reinstated during the year, although in the two previous years the figures were even greater than for 1940.

Embodied in the Proceedings is the usually fine report of M. W. Bro. John Milne, Foreign Correspondent, with a review of many of the Proceedings of other Grand Lodges, and among these is included a generous review of Alberta. M. W. Bro. Milne has some pertinent point to stress for the benefit of all Masons, and from his report for 1940 we quote the following:

"In spite of all difficulties encountered, Masonry stands before the world confident that right will again prevail. No matter how many lodge rooms may be destroyed or how many Masons may be persecuted, Masonry will 'march on'—when dictators are no more. This sentiment is universal."

With this, M. W. Sir, we all agree and am sure we will all in every part of the world where we can still carry on openly as we are still able to do on this hemisphere, do our part in keeping the banner and torch of Masonry high and to the fore.

M. W. Bro. J. T. Rice, P.G.M. of Masons in Texas, was warmly welcomed to the Communication and addressed the meeting in a very

fine manner. An extract or two from his address should be quoted as putting the matter fairly to each and every Mason, and in our humble opinion rightly so M. W. Bro. Rice said, "We must remember, each and everyone of us, that we are representing Masonry. It will be just what you want it to be, formed by your actions and by your lives that you have lived from day to day." Then again, "We hear a great deal about conditions in the world today; but it is not a time to be discouraged, it is a time to be strong."

We are pleased to note that our Representative, M. W. Bro. Harris K. Lyle answered the Roll Call on behalf of Alberta.

Lodges, 55. Membership, 6,062. Increase, 58.

M. W. Grand Master—Adolph S. Walter.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Alpheus A. Keen, Albuquerque.

J.A.L.

NEW YORK

One Hundred and Fifty-ninth Annual Communication held in New York City, May 7th, 1940. Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Dana B. Hellings.

The preliminaries in New York are simpler than in many a smaller jurisdiction.

The Grand Master in his address has a neat turn of phrase as, for instance, when he speaks of "these disintegrating days" and the need for general and local leadership "to reconvince the Brethren that Masonry knows where it is going today," and recommends "a marshalling of our Masonic ideas and resources."

New York, as a mighty seaport, feels the first effect of refugee arrivals from Europe. As may be expected, Masons are among them and a year ago Grand Lodge set up a special Committee on Masonic Refugees to deal with "a tormenting situation". It has done its work "in an exemplary manner", says the Grand Master and since "we cannot determine when it will have completed its task," he recommends continuation of the Committee, but without further allotment of money from Grand Lodge funds.

Reporting that sixty-seven lodges are in arrears of Grand Lodge fees for periods as far back as seven years, he says:

"No one likes to become harsh or to invoke penalties, but it is my opinion that the time has come when Grand Lodge should show a little steel because of the necessity of the situation."

Dues owing by individuals in the constituent lodges likewise come in for considerable comment. Says the Grand Master: "A variety

of means for coping with it are being tried by lodges separately . . . there is still a great lack of success."

Again: "This Masonic malady is widespread and chronic."

He does not recommend automatic suspension for N.P.D., but points to several Jurisdictions which have adopted the practice. He may add Alberta to his list.

Life Membership overdone is criticized even when, as in New York, the lodges may collect Grand Lodge fees from their life members.

The whole interdependent relationship of Grand Lodge and the individual lodges is briefly stated in this paragraph:

"We need a broader view of things. Grand Lodge should not become either so satisfied or so exhausted with the daily routine of its immediate business that it fails to bear in mind and to discharge its fundamental obligation to the Lodges; and each Lodge should not focus its vision and fix its attention so closely upon its own affairs that it loses sight and understanding of its relationship and duty to Grand Lodge. Let us not forget that the weakness of any part if unattended means an incipient deterioration of the whole, or that the strength and resources of the whole are wisely expended when used to restore any part."

This Grand Master boldly states that he believes "the cost of Masonry to the Mason is in a large measure responsible" for losses to the Order. We believe we could offer some other reasons, but this is not place for debate. We do suggest though, consideration of what Masonry is offering the Mason for his money and *his time*. Unless the great Grand Lodges consider this problem in the light of present-day claims on the individual's time, purse and tastes, the little Grand Lodges keep on beating themselves to keep in the well-worn rut. And we know most of the stock answers about the *Mission*, etc., etc. Perhaps the missionaries are getting a bit sleepy!

In some unusual statistics, New York admits losing almost a third of its membership in the last ten years. Forty-four percent of initiates were between the ages of 26 and 35. We should have expected the higher percentages in the older brackets, if only for economic reasons, even if 478 lodges did lower their initiation fee.

Reduction in per diem and mileage allowances in favor of actual travelling expenses is recommended.

Says the Grand Lecturer regarding ritual, "he who would do his work intelligently must understand that which he speaks." Ah, yes. Of course. But how many really do?

Something of which all brethren need to be continually reminded appears in the report of the Committee of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Asylum Fund: "It was, and still now is, the duty of the lodge to render any help, aid or assistance it can render to those worthy of it, as liberally as their necessities require and its ability permits,

supplementing but not releasing each member of the lodge from his sacred obligation in such a great and important undertaking."

"The primary obligation is that of the brother, then the lodge, and Grand Lodge helps but does not replace."

Two hundred and three lodges are reported as making no call on Grand Lodge benevolent funds having "therefore been sufficient unto themselves and have proved able to carry their own charitable burdens."

Indeed, much of the present proceedings seems to convey grave concern regarding finances and the waning interest of the individual lodge and brother.

Specific ruling is given that no brother may hold two offices in a lodge concurrently.

The Report of the Committee on Masonic Refugees discloses some excellent work. \$25,000 was made available for the purpose. "No moneys of Grand Lodge have been applied or used to bring a single refugee to New York," but rather to "granting relief in the form of modest loans." "We were dealing," says the Committee, "with men like ourselves, many of them of great prominence in their own countries who landed here stripped of everything but the clothes on their backs, and every one of them gladly—in fact, his pride was saved deep wounds when he was permitted to sign a note for the moneys which were advanced to him to meet his immediate needs."

The Committee assisted 79 refugees by loans amounting to \$6,235.

Concluding, it is stated: "This thing has been a tragedy. Our hearts have bled over and over again. It had to be faced. The Grand Master had the vision to face it; and we feel the Grand Lodge can be proud of its record."

Two significant sentences are quoted from a letter by the Grand Master to the Committee: "There is urgent necessity for Masonry to emphasize the fundamentals to which it subscribes in these days when they are confronted by such serious jeopardy."

"There is a form of action, however, which it (Masonry) may take without objection and which in the present situation would exemplify its devotion to humanitarian service without partisanship as to race or creed."

The Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement was awarded to Bro. Charles Keck, sculptor.

From a report by the Committee on Constitutions dealing with "New Legislation" we quote another gentle but firm reminder:

"The Fraternity needs strong, self-reliant, energetic lodges to carry the message of Masonry and continue the work of building and strengthening character in men. To have such, the lodges must have and assume responsibility, stand on their feet, and make their own way, co-operating, of course, with other lodges through Grand Lodge, in matters of mutual and general interest, and giving way in things affecting the general welfare of the Fraternity. There seems to be the tendency, not only in our organization but in many fields, to take away responsibility from the unit and centralize it in some

larger authority, in our case the Grand Lodge. The more that is done, we believe, the weaker becomes the unit. It comes to look more and more to the other body for advice and direction and to rely upon it to make its decisions. As this increases, the interest of the individual member decreases, with all the evils attendant upon a decrease of interest."

The Report on Foreign Correspondence opens with eminently sensible words and follows with a general review on the topical plan. Such subjects as "The International Situation" and "Benevolence" are fully covered, but we discovered no comment from Alberta's Proceedings of 1940.

An appendix of Masonic Statistics shows that for the last year ten Grand Lodges in the United States made net gains totalling 3,382, while forty showed total losses of 34,564.

Lodges 1,037. Membership 249,382. Loss 6,079.

A.M.M.

NEW SOUTH WALES

The volume reviewed contains minutes of the four quarterly Communications held in the year ending June 12th, 1940, the meeting held on that latter date being the equivalent of our Annual Communication, and at which reports for the year ending April 30th were considered. There are also reports of the proceedings of two special Communications held during the year; at the first the Grand Master was proclaimed and his officers installed; at the second the Grand Master was nominated for the ensuing year.

This is the first report compiled by the present Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. J. S. Miller. He inserts at the beginning a note to lodge Secretaries which points out the use to be made of the report, and the value for discussion in the lodges of its contents in the absence of subjects of more immediate consequence. It is pleasing to read that the retired Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. D. Cunningham, was present at one of the Communications, with improved health.

The Grand Master of this jurisdiction has been for some years the Governor General of the Commonwealth, Rt. Hon. Lord Gowrie, and in his address to the first of the quarterly meetings he announced his departure for England and the appointment as his successor as Governor General of H. R. H. The Duke of Kent. The sudden outbreak of war postponed these arrangements and it is pleasing to read that he was again nominated for the office of Grand Master. Owing to the great pressure of his official duties the Grand Master was unable to be present at any of the communications of the Grand Lodge, but his interesting and kindly addresses were read by the Pro Grand Master M. W. Bro. Maguire and all of these show that where time permitted he visited the Craft in their lodges and took an active part in Masonic affairs.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings—an official who seems to be at the head of all the District Deputy Grand Masters—

indicates a very sound and healthy condition of Masonry in the State. The degree work is performed in meticulous detail, and all forms of acvities are performed with regard to due dignity.

A vivid and exhaustive description is included of the installation in London of H. R. H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. This ceremony was performed by His Majesty the King in the presence of some thousands of visitors from all over the world. It was attended on behalf of New South Wales by the Pro Grand Master M. W. Bro. Colonel Maguire and M. W. Bro. John Goulston P.G.M. Colonel Maguire contributed the description of the ceremony in London and M. W. Bro. Goulston paid a visit to the old Lodge Canongate Kilwinning at Edinburgh, and in his report he describes its history, proceedings and peculiar customs, all of which would be of especial interest to our Scottish brethren wherever assembled.

Changes made in the Constitution include provision for a pension fund for the Grand Lodge employees, and provision to extend the services of the Masonic Hospital so that dependents of dimitted or suspended brethren in poor circumstances can obtain its facilities at little or no cost. It is a characteristic of all Masonic charity in this State that its expenditure includes non-Masonic bodies, and the use of the hospital is now to be extended to needy people who are not connected with the Masonic Institution.

A problem arose during the year of refugees from Europe appearing and demanding recognition as Masons although they could not support their claim with documentary evidence. The Grand Lodge decided to follow the English example and require that these applicants again are proposed elected and have the degrees conferred upon them *de novo*.

It was decided that lodges be absolved from paying Grand Lodge dues and calls for brethren on active service, and it was noted with approval that lodges had followed this example and absolved such brethren from the payment of lodge dues for the period of the war.

Several funds for war purposes were started and received generous support from the Grand Lodge and the Craft. These included substantial remittances to the Old Country.

It was decided that for the continuance of the war no new lodge charters be granted, and application for travelling warrants to accompany the regiments and warships were unfavourably received and refused.

It is not necessary here to recapitulate the many and various channels for Masonic activity that exist in the State, except to say that they are generously supported and charitably conducted, clearly indicating that the Masonic Spirit is strong in the State, and that the Rulers of the Craft take measures to keep its importance before the membership.

Lodges number 613. Membership 61,605.

W.R.D.

NEW ZEALAND

The Fifty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held at Wellington, November 27, 1940. It was presided over by M. W. Bro. C. J. Ronaldson, who retired after installing his successor M. W. Bro. Campbell Larnach MacDiarmid, whose election forms part of the proceedings. In his address he pointed out that Masonry is primarily a system of morality, the morality of a clean decent living man, and the danger of placing the primacy of the symbols employed in its teaching.

The statement of accounts are given in summarised form, with the figures for the previous year in parallel columns. This is a very commendable arrangement as it enables the reader who is not versed in the mysteries of accounting to get a clear picture of events. What is especially noticeable is that the amount of the "Voluntary contributions" bears such a large percentage of the total of income furnished for the various charitable institutions and boards. And it is also noticeable that in almost every case there is a surplus carried over at the end of the year which makes it difficult at this distance to understand why the chairman of the Board of Benevolence seems anxious to get greater contributions. The various Institutions and charitable boards are very active as usual and many a poor Mason or his dependents must bless the day that he joined the Order. In connection with the "Social Security Act" commented on in the last report this is now better understood, but still a cause of some confusion, which might be cleared up if the principle were established that all charity involves the making of a sacrifice. A sound note was struck by one of the speakers during the discussion. He said:

"He thought it was a matter of regret that the President did not deem it advisable to call upon the brethren to make some sacrifice in connection with the soldiers benefit fund. It would be for the good of the Craft if some charitable object was put before them as often as possible."

During the proceedings attention was called to the part played by New Zealand Lodge No. 5175, in London, England. The hospitality shown there to soldiers from the Island Dominion had earned it the title of "a home from home".

There are in the jurisdiction 304 active lodges with 26,491 members, but this does not include all the lodges in the Dominion, for from one of the reports of Provincial Grand Masters reference is made to the harmonious relations existing with lodges under the English register.

At the outbreak of war the Board of General Purposes recommended to the lodges the use of the following prayer:

"Great Architect of the Universe Who has made of one blood all nations of men, mercifully receive the prayers that we offer for our war stricken world. Send Thy light into the darkness and guide the nations as one family into the way of peace. Take away all prejudice and hatred and fear. Strengthen in us day by day the will to understand. To those who by their counsels lead the peoples of the

earth, grant a right judgment and a clear insight into Thy purpose so that Thy will may be done."

And it is pleasing to note that the suggestion was put into practice immediately.

In connection with the war in Europe there were 640 travelling certificates issued up to the date that Grand Lodge met. The Grand Lodge made an interest free loan to the Dominion Government and contributed \$5,000.00 to the same for patriotic purposes. But in regard to the sending of funds to the Grand Lodge of England it was considered advisable to urge Masons to make their utmost contribution to a fund of one million pounds inaugurated by the Governor "for the relief of the destitute in the Old Country", and no distinctive contributions to the Masons of England was encouraged.

The representative of the Grand Lodge of Alberta was not present at the meeting, but sent our greetings by letter or wire.

W.R.D.

NORTH CAROLINA

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina was held in Raleigh on the 16th and 17th days of April, 1940, being presided over by M. W. Grand Master J. Edward Allen.

During the year two Special Communications of the Grand Lodge were held, one for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Past Grand Master Roy F. Ebbs, and the other to mark a special day in Fayetteville in respect to its relationship to the Grand Lodge. This was the occasion of the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the meeting held in that city in 1789.

M. W. Grand Master Allen gave a very interesting and enlightening address on the work and activities during the year, and I am sure executed the duties of his high office in a manner of which the brethren of North Carolina are justly proud. The reputation of M. W. Bro. Allen as a student of Masonry and as one who has always promulgated the genuine tenets and principles of the Fraternity extends beyond the confines of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and is held in very high regard and respect in Alberta, as a true promoter of our Art.

The Grand Master in his address states, "A high regard for Masonic principles prevails, and the morale of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction is now something to be proud of. Moreover, it is possible to report that for the first time since 1927, there is a net gain in membership in our lodges." Our congratulations go to North Carolina on this fine condition of Freemasonry, and we can only express the sincere hope that the future will be equally as good, if not even better. During the year M. W. Bro. Allen paid innumerable visits to Masonic meetings both within and without the Jurisdiction, and a general idea as to the time so taken up is contained in the report where he states

an average of four meetings a week were attended throughout the greater part of the year.

The Proceedings contain a suggested ceremony for the Installation of D.D.G.M., which appears very impressive and which might to good advantage be used in our Jurisdiction, especially in cases where the D.D.G.M. is not installed at the Grand Lodge Communication, but in some constituent lodge at a later date.

This Communication of the Grand Lodge was honored by the presence of many distinguished brethren from other jurisdictions as well as the Governor and Lt.-Governor of the State of North Carolina. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Browning, of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, took advantage of the opportunity to present Grand Master Allen with the Rhode Island medal for Distinguished Service.

It is noted that in North Carolina the same problem, as at some time or other confronts the majority of jurisdictions, as regards arrears of dues, was given consideration and acted upon, in much the same manner as in Alberta, and no doubt it will be found a move in the right direction.

The section of the Proceedings devoted to "Greetings and Comments" as edited by M. W. Bro. Allen is recommended to all who have the opportunity of reading it. As a matter of fact the Reviewer is going to suggest that portions of this Report be read, at some early date, in the lodge to which he belongs, as it has a great educational and instructive value to the ordinary lodge member. Space in this brief Review will not permit mention of the many matters which we would like to refer to, but there is one thing referred to which we are sure meets with the approval of many members of different Jurisdictions. That is as to the question of publicity, or at least a limited amount of publicity as to the activities of Freemasonry, and which was adopted in North Carolina during the year and apparently produces benefits in this Jurisdiction.

Lodges, 331. Membership, 26,755. Increase, 34.

M. W. Grand Master—Thomas J. Harkins, Asheville.

R. W. Grand Secretary—John A. Anderson, Raleigh.

J.A.L.

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NORTH DAKOTA

The Fifty-first Annual Communication was held in Fargo, June 18th and 19th, 1940. M. W. Bro. Harry W. Gill presided. There were twelve Past Grand Masters present.

The United States and Canadian flags were introduced and honored.

The Grand Lodge sang "America", "God Save the King", and a third verse as follows:

"God bless our native land,
Firm may she ever stand,
Through storm and night:
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might!"

M. W. Bro. W. D. Lawrence, P.G.M. of Manitoba, was the Canadian representative present, a number of other Grand Lodge of Manitoba officials having been prevented from attending owing to the grave turn taken by the war. M. W. Bro. Lawrence's address thrilled the Grand Lodge. Alberta's representative near North Dakota, W. Bro. W. J. Hutcheson, was present. One of the charter officers, M. W. Bro. L. B. Hanna, was present and there were fifteen 50-year Masons there.

M. W. Bro. Gill's address covered a wide range of activity. He suggested that the D.D.G.M.'s should each submit an annual report, which apparently is not done. The district meetings had been changed from the spring to the fall with excellent results. One of his dispensations was somewhat unusual, to confer a degree outside the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. No particulars were given. He urged the brethren to support the Grand Lodge library more effectively. It was doing splendid work for the Craft and the country, but it needed more financial and moral support. 64 lodges had participated in the annual High School oratorical contest and for the first time the finalists were all boys.

M. W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell's thirty-first annual report as Grand Secretary showed the affairs of Grand Lodge to be in good shape. Lodges generally were more active. Financial conditions were good.

Two Past Grand Masters, E. R. Trousdale, who presided just a year earlier, and W. E. Hoover, 1912-23, had died during the year and suitable references were made to them and to their work.

North Dakota's Grand Historian has taken some pains to interview a number of the pioneer Masons of the jurisdiction to get their Masonic histories and thereby the Masonic history of their lodges. It is of interest to note the number of these Old Timers who came from Canada. Grand Master Gill himself was born in Ontario.

W. Bro. A. G. Burr, Grand Orator, gave a particularly scholarly and inspiring address to the Grand Lodge.

During the year two lodges consolidated. Seven lodges were not represented at Grand Lodge.

The Declaration of Principles was adopted by Grand Lodge.

North Dakota being a border jurisdiction enjoys fraternal relations with lodges and brethren in Saskatchewan and Manitoba and pays a good deal of attention to the furtherance of these relations, never more important than they are today. The annual international gath-

erings at International Island and at Valhalla Park are important parts of this valuable work.

The Proceedings include a copy of the statistics of the United States and Canadian Grand Lodges taken from the Iowa Grand Lodge Bulletin. Total membership and the membership changes for 1939-40 in each jurisdiction are given.

Alberta's Proceedings are included in M. W. Bro. Murfin's comprehensive review of Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges, 123. Membership 10,937. Decrease 206.

M. W. Grand Master—Eugene Naylor, Fargo.

R. W. Grand Secretary—W. L. Stockwell, Fargo.

F.P.G.

NOVA SCOTIA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Communication of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia was held in Glace Bay, Cape Breton, on Wednesday, June 12th, 1940, with M. W. Bro. A. J. MacDonald, Grand Master, presiding.

The only distinguished visitor was M. W. Bro. T. Gordon Ives, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island. Very few Grand Representatives answered the roll call, and it is with regret that we notice the absence of Alberta's representative. Among the preliminaries is the attendance at Divine Service at which the sermon was preached by R. W. Bro. Rev. N. D. Kennedy, the Grand Chaplain, taking as his text: "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes".

The address of the Grand Master is interesting in that he contrasts the ideologies of Europe with Masonry and believes that if we will but live up to our Masonry we have nothing to fear of the result. A detailed account of his stewardship is contained in the Grand Master's address.

Possibly the most interesting report of the Proceedings is that of the Grand Historian and Board of Masonic Education and in this regard Nova Scotia is most fortunate in having a man of the caliber of M. W. Bro. R. V. Harris. He tells us that he has started a compilation of a complete story of the Craft in the Maritimes, to include every possible item of information that he can gather and be of any assistance. If printed, the work would probably run into two or three thousand pages. A list of the first ten chapters is included in the report and we believe they would make very interesting reading. Masonic plays still hold considerable interest and the "Turn of the Tide" originally written for Nova Scotia has again been revised for presentation in Ohio. St. Andrew's Lodge of Halifax staged a unique evening by having a Quiz Contest between two other lodges and their own—questions on Masonic history, ritual and jurisprudence being asked the members o

the respective teams. The contest combined both entertainment and instruction.

The Board of Jurisprudence reporting on Fraternal Relations presents a very interesting report covering conditions obtaining all over the world of Masonry. It is rather an extended report and we commend its reading by our brethren.

Nova Scotia operates the only Masonic Home in Canada, housing at the present time some thirty guests; nine are being taken care of outside of the Home. Some of the lodges display considerable interest in this worth while effort, but we find the Grand Master exhorting the lodges to pay visits and learn for themselves of the wonderful work that is being done.

No Review of Fraternal Correspondence is submitted by this Grand Lodge.

W.I.

OHIO

M. W. Bro. Dillon Crist presided at the One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ohio held in Canton, October 16th and 17th, 1940.

Only eight lodges of 623 were not represented. The splendid attendance of principal officers of lodges, especially Worshipful Masters, is noted.

Thirteen of seventeen Past Grand Masters were registered. Bro. Herman N. George represented Alberta.

Bro. George P. Craig, 97 years old and a Mason for 73 years, was given a fitting reception.

The Grand Master reports a busy year with 134 visits including 24 District Meetings, 70 lodge meetings and 49 other visits. There were nine temples and lodges dedicated and eight corner stones laid.

As a result of violations of Masonic principles, for commercial purposes by certain lodges and individual members, M. W. Bro. Crist asked for approval of his rulings and decisions forbidding the holding of Sunday circus performances by lodges, the use of Masonic characters or emblems for political or commercial advancement and the use of the word "Masonic" for any purpose except legitimate Masonic use. The Committee on Jurisprudence supported the Grand Master in their report.

The Grand Master advises caution in connection with a move to have all Grand Lodges unite in co-operating with the War Department so that Masonic relief work may be properly conducted. He warns against emotional sentiment and prefers to leave such work to recognized and well-established agencies to whom Masons should give their moral and financial support.

He observes that "The great danger to Freemasonry in this country lies within itself. The great multitude of organizations that have

come into existence in the last half century whose membership is predicated upon Blue Lodge Masonry has reached a point where it is becoming serious. All or most of these organizations—I am informed there are over 200 of them—have an initiation fee, dues, and require manpower to operate. Each one of these organizations is taking funds and strength away from the underlying structure, Symbolic Freemasonry, and in some cases the branch is attempting to exert authority and do things that are anything but creditable to that to which they hold allegiance. These organizations forget that they are endured only because the Grand Lodge has not yet seen fit to take other action."

"In these trying days our country needs the stability of Freemasonry; it needs the religious attitude of Freemasonry, the loyal patriotism, the brotherhood for which we strive, and it needs the unselfish service of true manhood which we attempt to build. And because these things are needed, it is unfortunate that so many of our members are more interested in some of the so-called playgrounds of Masonry or these many other organizations whose membership is predicated upon the Blue Lodge than they are in the parent organization itself, and all for which it stands."

It is remarkable to note that a jurisdiction of 623 lodges should have nothing for the Committee on Grievances to report and the Committee on Charity reports no local relief administered. The Grand Master, however, made a fine contribution of \$500.00 to the United Grand Lodge of England and \$1,000.00 to the Red Cross for war relief, from the Grand Master's Emergency Fund.

The Committee on Necrology reports the passing of prominent Masons from far and near, including four jurisdictions in Canada. The Grim Reaper took a toll of 3,059 from the Ohio membership, including the Superintendent of the Ohio Masonic Home, Bro. Edwin J. Price.

Ohio is maintaining its support of the Washington Memorial. The following quotation from the report of the Memorial Committee may be their incentive, "With the dictators knocking away right and left and getting a very good score against us, with the depression putting its terrific claws into our system and drawing our blood, now is the time, if ever there was a time, to prove to the passerby that this stands as a symbol of a living, militant Twentieth Century Freemasonry and that this building can be completed."

A lengthy and interesting history of "The Beginning of Masonry in the Firelands of the Western Reserve" is given by the Grand Historian, Bro. J. G. Tyler, M.D.

The operation of the Ohio Masonic Home is given in detail, showing a wonderful work being done for those who find it necessary to become residents, their number is less than a year ago.

The table of membership statistics reveals the highest number of deaths for a ten year period, 3,059, the lowest number of suspensions for nine years, 3,581, and the lowest net loss for ten years, 915. We hope the suggested slogan of the Grand Secretary for the coming

year, "Fewer Suspensions—More Reinstatements", brings results. He reports 237 Fifty-Year Medals presented.

As usual the Topical Review of M. W. Bro. Earle Stewart is worthy of the generous space allotted to it. The quotations of Masonic Scholars from many jurisdictions makes educational and interesting reading.

Alberta is not stinted. Reference is made to the address of our Lieut. Governor, Bro. Bowen; to our financial contributions to the War effort and to the United Grand Lodge of England; to M. W. Bro. Moore's optimism and his suggestions for our future improvement. M. W. Bro. Mitchell's work as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence is noted as well as the "Bulletin."

The writer personally appreciates the manner in which last year's Ohio review is acknowledged.

M. W. Bro. Charles R. Wilson, Grand Master for 1940-41, has a fine Civil and Masonic record for the heavy responsibilities of his new office.

The next annual communication to be held in Columbus, Ohio, October 8th and 9th, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Chas. R. Wilson, Ada, Ohio.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Harry S. Johnson, Cincinnati, Ohio.

W.D.

OKLAHOMA

The Thirty-second Annual Communication was held at Guthrie on February 13th, 14th and 15th. M. W. Bro. Chas. H. Everett, Grand Master, presided and there were eighteen Past Grand Masters present. Alberta was not represented.

During his year of office the Grand Master drove more than 41,000 miles within the state in addition to attending meetings in Washington, D.C., and other places beyond the state boundaries. Cornerstones laid included one courthouse, a county women's club and a number of schools. The ceremonial is to be altered as cornerstones are now usually laid when the building is practically complete and not as in former times when the foundation was completed and before the superstructure was added. During the year there were three consolidations and two lodges surrendered their charters. One of the dispensations granted was to install the Worshipful Master out of time, as he had been quarantined with smallpox on December 27th. A recommendation of the Grand Master's which was approved was that \$500 be granted for the emergency use of the Grand Master. The recommendation reads: "On account of certain activities that have to be discouraged, for the welfare of the Craft it is essential that he have funds to meet these emergencies." There was a spot of trouble with the City of Guthrie. In 1922 when the Masonic Homes were established there the City agreed to supply them with water free. In August 1939 the city started to bill the Homes for water which

bills the Board declined to pay. A committee of three, not residents of Guthrie, was appointed to investigate the question.

Two Past Grand Masters, J. W. Morris, 1918, and M. F. Manville, 1933, died during the year.

The Rhode Island bible was re-dedicated.

The Masonic Homes for Old People and for Children had another good year. There were 92 adults and 74 children living in the Homes and in addition to these 47 adults and 34 children were being granted monthly allowances. Grand Lodge appropriation for the year was \$60,000 for the Homes and substantial contributions were made by other Masonic Bodies and by the Order of the Eastern Star, as well as some contributions from those resident in the Homes. A number of the older children were employed in the school printing plant where the "Masonic News", the official organ of Grand Lodge, the proceedings and other printing was done. Gross business amounted to \$8,200.00 or the year.

The following resolution was adopted:

"In the event a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, he shall be automatically reinstated to membership upon payment of all dues owing by him at the date of such suspension and the proportionate part of the current year's dues."

Fraternal relations were discontinued with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey because the Grand Lodge of New Jersey allows negroes to sit in Grand Lodge, which to quote the report of the Oklahoma Committee on Foreign Relations, "is contrary to the usages and Landmarks of the Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma."

On the evening of the second day of Grand Lodge the Master Mason's degree was conferred on the younger son of the Grand Secretary, by a team of Grand Lodge Officers and Past Grand Masters, with M. W. Bro. Sturgeon, Grand Secretary, as Worshipful Master.

One brother was introduced who had been made in Tennessee in 1862, 78 years ago. He was only a few months from his one hundredth birthday.

Alberta's Proceedings were not included in the review of Foreign Correspondence.

Lodges 416. Members 44,810. Decrease 734.

M. W. Grand Master—Thos. G. Cook, Buffalo.

R. W. Grand Secretary—C. A. Sturgeon, Guthrie.

F.P.G.

PENNSYLVANIA

Besides the usual Quarterly Communications, the Annual Grand Communication was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1940, Bro. William H. Brehm, R. W. Grand Master, presiding.

The quarterly meetings are largely taken up with business matters pertaining to the very extensive Homes and charities maintained by

this Grand Lodge, which with their investments and trusts constitute a large business, requiring competent and careful administration. However, it is not all columns of figures and lists of securities by any means. Interspersed are reports showing where the human interest enters the picture. For instance, two lodges applied for permission to receive a fourth petition for initiation from an applicant, which was granted by the Grand Master.

A survey of lodge membership showed there were 1,400 members who had been in good standing for over fifty years, and it was resolved that a suitable emblem be presented by Grand Lodge to such members. This took the form of a gold button which would be duly presented on suitable occasions. One of the recipients had been a member for seventy-five years.

At the closing of the June Quarterly the members were called up to salute the flag which was presented by the Grand Marshall and Grand Sword Bearer. Each member pledged himself in the following words: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands—one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." A sign that Masonry in the United States feels it necessary in these times to see that all their members are reminded of their duties to their country, and is an indication of the government.

At the September meeting a motion was unanimously adopted to cable the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland an offer to accept and care for in the Pennsylvania Masonic Homes twenty-five children of Masons who have been victims of the atrocious air attacks, for the duration or at any rate three years. Letters confirming the offer followed. However, the British Government had to cancel the arrangements under which these children were to come out, so this very generous offer could not be acted on.

The Grand Secretary's report for 1939 gives the number of lodges as 565, while the membership shows a net loss of 3,040, the present total being 174,677.

The Grand Master granted two dispensations to initiate candidates under twenty-one years of age and one dispensation to inter with Masonic ceremonies an Entered Apprentice, while another was for a Past Master to carry on as Master in the absence of the sitting Master and his two Wardens. He also, at an "extra" meeting of York Lodge, made a Mason at sight. Pennsylvania is one of the very few Grand Lodges in the world that perpetuates this practice.

He had to deal with five cases of illegal action by lodges. One for receiving and acting on a petition for initiation, the applicant being the material of another lodge. Another where a lodge restored a brother to membership without giving notice on the lodge summons for the regular meeting. Two lodges conferred the degrees within the Masonic month, and yet another lodge elected a member as Master who never had served in the office of Warden in Pennsylvania. In Alberta, if he had so served for twelve months in a chartered lodge in any other Jurisdiction recognised by us he would have been legally entitled to election as Master.

The Committee on Correspondence reported on applications for recognition by several Grand Lodges in Brazil and in Mexico and recom-

mended that as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has heretofore recognised one Grand Lodge in Brazil known as the Grand Lodge of Paraiba and which is recognised by twenty-four other Grand Jurisdictions, the committee deemed it inadvisable to recognise another Grand Lodge of that country, and therefore Masonic recognition to the Grand Lodge of the State of Para, was declined. Similarly in the case of the Grand Lodge of Cosmos, Chihuahua, Mexico, recognition was declined as there are thirteen Grand Lodges in Mexico and Pennsylvania recognises one of these Grand Lodges known as the York Grand Lodge of Mexico, which is recognised by forty-seven other Grand Jurisdictions.

The District Deputy Grand Masters in this jurisdiction apparently serve for many years. In his address the Grand Master refers to this, stating it had been brought to his attention that eight of these brethren had served for twenty-five years or more, and in recognition of this service he had presented to each in his respective district, with proper ceremony, a testimonial in the form of a silver plate with their record of service engraved thereon and signed by the Grand Master, as he said "a small acknowledgment for an abundance of service well rendered".

He reported two decisions: One, members who are not entitled to vote should not be appointed tellers at a lodge election; two, that only the authorized Work as taught in the Temple School of Instruction may be exemplified or rehearsed in a Pennsylvania lodge and the Work of other jurisdictions is prohibited.

He instituted what appears to be an innovation in Philadelphia. He decided to open the Masonic Temple for inspection to the brethren, their families and friends, many of whom could not make it convenient to visit the building on visiting hours during the day. Accordingly he selected Tuesday evening, October 29th, when there were no lodge meetings, and previous to the opening that evening he had a dinner served to the ninety-six Masters of the lodges meeting in Philadelphia and who assisted the committee in acting as hosts for that occasion. The doors were opened from 7:30 to 10:00 o'clock p.m. and between seven and eight thousand persons passed through this beautiful Temple during that time, which he believed was greatly appreciated by all.

J.H.W.S.K.

THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

The Twenty-eighth Annual Communication held at Manila, January 23rd, 1940.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Clark James, died in office on July 29th, 1940, and his Deputy, now M. W. Bro. Jose de los Reyes, assumed the Throne.

After the usual opening exercises, including the appointment of interpreters, which sound a little strange here where we all speak the same language, the Grand Master read his address, first paying

tribute to his predecessor and two other beloved Grand Masters who had departed this life during the year.

From a remark by the Grand Master, we gather that installation of officers and some lodge anniversary meetings are held in public. He says, "I believe that the official visitation of the Grand Master should coincide, if possible, with the installation of officers, anniversaries of Lodges and such other affairs which can be held in public in order that the mass of the people may learn our teachings."

That the difference of opinion regarding jurisdiction in China has been finally and amicably cleared up is shown by the report of M. W. Bro. C. W. Rosenstock, who visited the six lodges in China working under the Constitution of the Philippine Islands. He reports that "peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Masonic Fraternity in China"; that representatives of Massachusetts and England were present and fraternal regrets were forwarded by the representatives of Scotland and Ireland.

The Philippine lodges appear to be building a fine reputation for themselves in this part of the Orient, their main difficulty being the intricate exchange problem in maintaining financial relations with the mother Grand Lodge in Manila. Try to figure this. The Szechwan dollar is worth eighty cents Shanghai, the Shanghai dollar about seven cents U.S. currency dollar, and the Philippine dollar about fifty cents U.S.! A nice problem for a Grand Treasurer!

Among the Grand Master's recommendations are, that the name of his Grand Lodge be changed to that of The Grand Lodge of the Philippines; that the scholarship fund be discontinued, and that the formation of Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and some organization of boys for Filipinos be encouraged.

An appeal is made for books, pamphlets and periodicals to expand the Grand Library and to permit of the institution of Travelling Libraries.

Masonic Education comes in for pointed comment with an unaccustomed angle to it. Says the Grand Master: "I know it is a labor full of thorns, but I say, he that fears thorns is unworthy to kiss a rose. In this matter I would recommend that the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a Committee whose duty shall be to prepare a plan for Masonic education and print books and pamphlets on Masonic questions worthy to be published for sale to the brethren and *perhaps for free distribution to the public.*" (The italics are ours.)

A table showing the membership by nationalities appears showing 2,740 Filipinos; 1,933 Americans; 579 Chinese and 169 others. The lodges in the Chinese District show a net gain of 39 members.

The Grand Oration is by Wor. Bro. Antonio Ramos and, in general, is an appeal for more publicity as to the ends and aims of Masonry, particularly in view of the fact that most of the members in the Islands are Roman Catholics.

Recognition of the Grand Lodges of Egypt and Haiti is held in abeyance.

The usual reports of Committees and complete statistics round out an interesting volume.

Twenty-ninth Annual Communication at Manila, January 28th, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Jose de los Reyes, Manila.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Antonio Gonzalez, Manila.

A.M.M.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Sixty-fifth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island was held in Charlottetown on June 26th, 1940. The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Harland P. Found, presiding.

V. W. Bro. Geo. R. Brady, Alberta's representative not registered. Nine of fourteen Past Grand Masters were present.

In the report of Credential Committee we note a different practice than is followed in Alberta, where one of the principal officers of a lodge carry the voting power of the absent officers. Prince Edward Island permits any member of a lodge acting as proxy for principal officers who may be absent, such proxy need not be a P.M. We wonder what would happen if the Grand Master did not approve of M.M.'s being admitted to witness the proceedings?

In referring to the war, the Grand Master says: "History seems to show that every victory over the powers of nature, and every strengthening of the puny forces of man, must soon be tried out in war. The hunter was not satisfied with his chipped flint, nor the shepherd content with his newly invented sling, until he had tried it out as an instrument for taking human life. And so it seems—our wonderful century of invention has only made advanced and skillful nations mad with greed and power, and filled them with rage to use against their fellowmen their horrible implements of destruction. So much is certain; the civilization which we of the older generation believe in and love, if it ever existed at all except in our imagination and hopes, is now threatened to the point of its very existence."

M. W. Bro. Found visited every lodge in the jurisdiction and was accompanied in each case with a large number of his officers and P.G.M.'s. On one occasion fifteen Grand Lodge officers attended and on another visit eight P.G.M.'s were present. An outstanding project of these visits was the exemplification of the E. A. degree by Grand Lodge officers, and addresses by those officers on the uses of the various symbols.

The Grand Master concluded his address with the following admonition:

“Stand off by yourself in your dreaming
 And all of your dreams are vain.
 No grandeur of soul or spirit
 Can man by himself attain.
 It is willed we shall live as brothers,
 As brothers then, we must toil,
 We must act with a common purpose
 As we work in a common soil.
 And each, who would see accomplished
 The dreams that he's proud to own,
 Must strive for the good of his fellows,
 For no man can do it alone.

The Grand Lecturer has high praise for the success of the Grand Master's program of visiting which resulted in splendid attendance and valuable education for the membership in general. He regrets that the officers who had prepared and delivered to the various lodges, addresses explaining the relationship of the several symbols in relationship to our everyday life, were too modest to preserve their work which was worthy of a place in the Proceedings.

This reviewer suggests that there is too much of our Masonic light hidden under a bushel by those who lack self confidence, and fear criticism from those who sometimes are not qualified to judge.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence refers to a resolution being considered by the Grand Lodge of England relating to brethren of enemy nationality or birth. No doubt it will be noted by our reviewer of the proceedings of that Grand Lodge for the consideration of our Board or Committee on Jurisprudence.

M. W. Bro. Ives is looking forward to the time when fraternal fellowship may be resumed with the Grand Jurisdictions now in distress.

M. W. Bro. Sharp, newly elected Grand Master, has had long experience in the social, business and political life of his province and this experience should prove a great asset to the Grand Lodge of Prince Edward Island.

The 1941 Communication will be held in Charlottetown.

15 lodges. 1,063 members. Net loss 52.

M. W. Grand Master—G. Skelton Sharp, Port Hill.

R. W. Grand Secretary—L. A. McDougall, Charlottetown.

W.D.

QUEBEC

A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held on October 20th, 1939, at the Masonic Temple, Montreal.

The following motion was passed: “That in accordance with Article 85 of the Constitution the Trustees of the Permanent Benevolent Fund be authorized, if in their opinion such action be deemed advis-

able and expedient, to dispose of a portion of such Fund, not exceeding the sum of \$250,000.00 by the acquisition of the first mortgage (or hypothec) on the Masonic Memorial Temple, and that the said Trustees be authorized to acquire the said mortgage on such terms as to them may deem advisable, and that the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized to sign the necessary deed, or deeds, and to perform all other acts to give effect to the said acquisition; and further that the said Trustees be empowered to make such arrangements as to them may seem advisable with the Masonic Memorial Temple Corporation for the payment of the amount of the said mortgage and the interest thereon, or any portion or portions thereof, to extend the time for the payment of the same, reduce the rate of interest thereon, and generally to deal with the mortgage, when acquired, as to them may seem fit."

This volume gives a very concise review of the organization of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and the controversy between Ontario and Quebec.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was held in Montreal on the 9th of October, 1940, with M. W. Bro. D. McLellan the Grand Master on the Throne.

The date of the Annual Communication has been changed from February to October.

In the Address of the Grand Master reference was made to the visit of the King and Queen to Canada, also to the installation of the Duke of Kent as Grand Master of England, laying stress particularly on the fact that with minor interruptions the office of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England has been occupied by a member of the British Royal Family.

We note with sincere regret the passing of M. W. Bro. Edward A. Evans who was Grand Master in 1915-16.

The Grand Master in common with many others sounds a note of warning in regard to applicants. We excerpt from his address: "A problem confronts Masonry perhaps more acutely today than at any other period. It is the problem of maintaining the interest of the individual Mason in the affairs of his lodge and of the Craft in general. It is disturbing to witness a member's waning enthusiasm, which is often reflected in irregular attendance, unpaid dues, and finally suspension. Is he a failure, or has Freemasonry failed? I fear that lodges may not at all times be exercising that strict scrutiny into the character and motives of applicants which is necessary."

The Honorary Rank of Past Grand Master was conferred on the Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. A. F. C. Ross.

There is no report on Correspondence on account of the passing of M. W. Bro. Evans.

M. W. Bro. H. A. Mitchell—Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. W. W. Williamson—Grand Secretary.

94 Lodges. 13,708 Members. Decrease, 173.

M.M.D.

SASKATCHEWAN

The Thirty-fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was held in the City of Saskatoon on the 19th day of June, 1940, with M. W. Bro. H. M. Underhill on the Throne.

Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Representative of Alberta, Bro. Wilson, was absent.

Among the Distinguished Visitors were M. W. Bro. Sam Harris and M. W. Bro. J. H. W. S. Kemmis of Alberta, M. W. Bro. J. J. Henderson, Grand Master of Manitoba and R. W. Bro. Charles Davidson, Grand Junior Warden of Montana.

We excerpt from the Grand Master's Address: "Some in their anxiety say, 'These barbaric and bestial conditions in men are a challenge to Masonry; something must be done by our Order; concerted action must be taken!' That is not so. There never has been nor ever will be a challenge to Masonry as long as the ancient landmarks are preserved sacred and inviolable and we never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from our established usage. The challenge is not to Masonry but it is most decidedly a challenge to you and to me as individual Masons. All of us became a Mason with the sincere desire to make himself more extensively serviceable to his fellowmen. The greater the need of our fellowmen, the greater the responsibility and opportunity to serve. That need is growing greater every day. Masonry always has and ever will stand ready and willing to assist us in developing our power to serve. There is a new challenge to each of us to use Masonry in developing that power and to use that power in serving our fellow creatures."

The following excerpt from M. W. Bro. Underhill's Address is worth emphasizing for the benefit of Alberta Masters: "Many of our Masters are doing splendid work in carrying out their duty to instruct the Brethren in Masonry. There is no doubt that this duty is a paramount one. Some of the Lodge Notices disclose highly commendable initiative on the part of Masters in well-thought out plans to arouse interest in the particular programme of instruction to be followed at the particular meeting. Many other Lodge Notices are made good use of to include, as well as the formal information, real jewels of thought in verse and prose on Masonic material covering quite a wide range of interests. This method could readily be followed by many more Masters to good advantage without extra expense, simply by utilizing at least some of the space on their notices which otherwise would go to waste. These ideas coming out in Lodge Notices must certainly tend to keep the interest of the members aroused in what is going to take place at the next meeting."

The Grand Master devoted much of his Address to the following continuity of policy:

- (1) Continuing in Office for years a well skilled brother as Worshipful Master of a Constituent Lodge.
- (2) Re-election of a Grand Master as in England or at least a two year term as in the Province of Ontario.
- (3) Re-election of District Deputy Grand Masters.
- (4) Making the Office of Deputy Grand Master a permanent one

for which he should receive part time salary and necessary expenses.

The Committee on Grand Master's Address simply remarked that these are matters of policy to be dealt with by Grand Lodge.

From the Grand Secretary's Report we quote: "Age—Initiates—The following table is compiled from the records of the Grand Lodge covering the period march 1st, 1939, to February 29th, 1940:

Age . . .	21	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	
	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	to	and	
	24	29	34	39	44	49	54	59	over	Total
Initiates . .	34	58	50	44	54	21	22	10	2	295

"240 under 45 years of age. 55 over 45 years of age. Approximate average age 36."

No doubt the approximate figures would apply to Alberta.

The Grand Secretary during the year maintained a close touch with the Grand Lodge of England regarding any of the Saskatchewan brethren sojourning in England, and with the Grand Lodges of New South Wales; Queensland, South Australia; Victoria, West Australia; New Zealand and Tasmania extending courtesies to brethren from these Jurisdictions who might be stationed in Saskatchewan in connection with the British Commonwealth Air Training Scheme.

In Saskatchewan during the last ten years there has been a decrease in Membership from 14,430 to 12,243 or 15 per cent, while Alberta decreased from 13,752 to 10,816 or 24 per cent. Saskatchewan has 198 Lodges while Alberta has 151.

Saskatchewan has an Investment of \$380,150.73 while Alberta has \$204,000.00.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Martin presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. From his report we excerpt: "According to figures compiled by J. Edward Allen, the Foreign Correspondent for the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, the membership during the last ten years in the United States dropped from 3,223,757 to 2,597,212 a loss of 636,545. In that same period 926,000 Masons in the United States have been suspended or excluded, and 433,000 passed away. The total number lost by suspension and death was therefore 1,359,000. If the net loss of 636,545 is deducted from this number it will be found that 722,455 have entered the Fraternity in the United States during the ten-year period. This is a very large number and indicates that Masonry still has an appeal for many men. The same authority, in his review published in 1939, estimates the total losses in the United States for 1938 as 38,771. In that year seven Grand Lodges reported gains aggregating 2,492. Total losses in Canada for the same year were 2,614, only one Grand Lodge, that of Prince Edward Island, reporting a small gain."

We noted with pleasure that a former Alberta resident, R. W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, was elected Grand Junior Warden.

M. W. Grand Master—A. O. Brooks.

R. W. Grand Secretary—Robert A. Tate.

198 Lodges. 12,243 Members. Decrease 178.

M.M.D.

SCOTLAND

The Proceedings of this venerable Grand Lodge afford little room for musings by a reviewer. We suspect that the meat of the proceedings is what is not printed. However--

Wartime difficulties are lightly touched upon by the Visitations Committee:

"Notwithstanding the difficulties which arose in the autumn of last year owing to the outbreak of war and the restrictions consequent upon the black-out, police regulations as to meetings, etc., which occasioned a number of the Lodges postponing the commencement of the winter session for a month or two, we are pleased to report that now all the Lodges, with the exception of one, are carrying out their meetings regularly."

The Viscount Traprain, installed for a second term as Grand Master Mason, in his inaugural address referred to these difficulties:

"Do all you can to keep the meetings of your Lodge going. I know the difficulties of 'black-out' and one thing and another, but speaking as one who has now been in a strange land for the past nine months, I can give personal evidence of the tremendous benefit it is to have the opportunity of meeting one's fellow-brethren in open Lodge and getting to know them. It makes them feel at home like nothing else in the world, and that is a thing which nothing but Freemasonry can do."

The Grand Master Mason also comments on the Benevolent and Annuity Funds, saying: "The demands on our Benevolent and Annuity Funds have not been so great," and "The Invested Funds of Grand Lodge are now over £600,000, of which half-a-million is invested in War Loan and other Government securities."

The death of Bro. J. Maxtone Graham, Past Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East and Grand Lodge Auditor since 1903, is reported with regret.

The knotty problem of admission of members of foreign countries resident in Scotland is reported on by the Foreign and Colonial Committee:

"The Committee agreed to recommend to Grand Committee (our Board of General Purposes) that the admission of aliens of non-enemy origin or of non-enemy countries to membership of the Craft is not prohibited, but that the provisions of Grand Lodge Laws 175 to 185 inclusive must be fully complied with in all cases. It is, however, imperative that any such application should receive the strictest investigation by the Committee of Enquiry and in all cases of doubt, or where the requisite Report cannot be obtained, the Petition along with all information received regarding the Applicant must be submitted to Grand Secretary for the consideration and decision of Grand Committee, or by Grand Secretary on its behalf."

The war is reflected in several of the reports of Provincial Grand Masters who comment on "black-out" conditions, halls commandeered by the military authorities, the difficulty of obtaining suitable temporary premises, losses in revenue and so on. But all report that in

spite of their troubles the lodges are carrying on wonderfully well. Visits from overseas brethren are spoken of approvingly and in warmly welcoming terms.

We were reminded of a recommendation we made as Grand Master "away back when", suggesting that some of our benevolent funds be used for the training of sons and daughters of brethren, when we read three items in the Annuity Fund Report: "to enable her to qualify as a shorthand writer and typist"; "to assist in examinations for an insurance career"; "to assist in training for a teacher's diploma in cookery". Our folks just didn't see the force of our recommendation and voted it down then. How now?

A.M.M.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

One special and two regular sessions of the Grand Lodge of South Australia were held in the Way Room, Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, in 1940.

M. W. Bro. Andrew D. Young, Grand Master, presided at all sessions.

Alberta's representative R. W. Bro. J. S. Philps, President of the Board of General Purposes, was registered at the half yearly and annual communications.

The special communication was held on June 5th to honor the visit of M. W. Bro. His Excellency Brig. General the Right Hon. Lord Gowrie, V.C., P.C., G.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., who held office as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Australia from 1931 to 1935 and who now is the Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales. In his capacity as Governor-General of the Commonwealth, he was visiting Adelaide to officially open the additions to Parliament House.

In responding to M. W. Bro. Young's welcoming address, Lord Gowrie referred to his Masonic advancement which had commenced in South Australia where he had first taken Masonry seriously. He was leaving for England in October when he would be succeeded by His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent, recently installed Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England.

The half yearly communication was held October 18th.

The Board of General Purposes referred to the installation of H.R.H. The Duke of Kent as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. This ceremony was particularly significant to Australia, His Royal Highness at that time being Governor General designate to the Commonwealth, which office he has not yet been able to occupy due to the war.

The Grand Master approved a recommendation of the recent Australasian Masonic Conference that each Grand Lodge Certificate at time of presentation should have attached, the following: "Will

the Master presenting this Grand Lodge Certificate, please call the attention of the recipient to the following instruction, so that no brother may plead ignorance of his obligation when visiting another lodge."

"A Grand Lodge Certificate is presented to every entrant to Freemasonry on his attaining the rank of Master Mason. It is of the utmost importance that he should be aware of its value when visiting, as it is essential that it be taken with him on every occasion when he avails himself of this privilege. It must never be framed as a picture, but should be folded and kept in the regalia satchel so that, when presented for examination, it will be seen that the signature in the margin is identical with the signature in the attendance book."

The statement goes on to state that the brother should also carry a voucher to the effect that he is in good standing, otherwise he has no claim to be admitted and refusal may cause disappointment.

In connection with burial ceremonies, the Board recommends that, as in England, where no burial service is recognized, Masonic burial service be not encouraged but when members of a lodge wish to pay tribute to a deceased brother, a lodge of sorrow or memorial service be held subsequent to the funeral.

The Annual Communication was held April 17th, 1940.

There was a record attendance, including R. W. Bro. His Excellency Sir Malcolm Barclay-Harvey, Governor of South Australia.

In referring to the war the Grand Master said: "Britain has always regarded justice as more precious than peace, and justice had to be achieved in this great conflict. Right through history the British Nation had been fighting for the best things in life—Magna Charta, Bill of Rights, Habeas Corpus, freedom, tolerance and good government."

M. W. Bro. Young was re-elected to the office of Grand Master.

Alberta's 1939 communication is reviewed. They refer to the absence of their representative R. W. Bro. H. Sandilands.

The report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry in connection with poor attendance is noted. Our proposed change in method of balloting for Grand Lodge officers, was mentioned. A quotation from M. W. Bro. West's address referring to the freedom that is being maintained by countries flying the British flag, is given.

South Australia issued one new warrant in 1940, two warrants were surrendered, leaving 153 existing lodges with a membership of 13,484. This is an increase of 52.

M. W. Grand Master—Andrew D. Young, Adelaide.

R. W. Grand Secretary—R. Owen Fox, Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide.

W.D.

SOUTH DAKOTA

The Sixty-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of South Dakota was held in Watertown, June 11 and 12, 1940.

M. W. Bro. Charles C. Smith, Grand Master, presided and there were eleven Past Grand Masters in attendance. Alberta was not represented.

The United States and Canadian flags were introduced and escorted to places in the East.

Conditions throughout the jurisdiction during the year were better. The Grand Master noted an increasing demand for Masonic education. The Masonic Service Association material had been widely used to good advantage and the General Activities Committee of Grand Lodge had prepared a booklet, "Masonry, an Introduction," which the Grand Master highly recommended. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary had attended the Grand Master's conference in Washington, D.C.

Two of the dispensations granted were to lodges giving each of them permission to elect and install an officer in place of an elected officer who refused to accept office. The Grand Master ruled that according to the Grand Lodge by-laws a Master Mason must take and pass an examination in the work of the degree before being granted a dimit. Fourteen 50-year medals were awarded. The medals are supplied by Grand Lodge at no cost to the constituent lodges. \$915.00 was sent to the George Washington Memorial fund during the year. The Master's Book by Carl Claudy is a part of the equipment of D.D.G.M.'s in this jurisdiction.

A new office, that of Grand Historian, was established.

The Board of Custodians brought in a comprehensive report which included a new funeral ceremony, a new flag ceremony, and a new ceremony for the presentation of 50-year jewels. The report was adopted.

M. W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of North Dakota, was the speaker at the banquet, at which the Worthy Grand Matron of the Eastern Star was a guest.

M. W. Bro. M. E. Crockett reviewed 59 Proceedings in his report on Foreign Correspondence. The report was exceptionally interesting and included M. W. Bro. Hartman's disapproval of non-members of the Craft being present at the refreshment hour.

There is no affiliation fee in this jurisdiction and the minimum initiation fee is \$25.

Lodges 172. Membership 14,362. Loss 116.

M. W. Grand Master—Charles N. Hall, Huron.

R. W. Grand Secretary—W. D. Swain, Sioux Falls.

F.P.G.

TASMANIA

Documents reviewed consist of the minutes of the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Annual Communications, held respectively at Latrobe and Hobart on February 24th, 1940, and February 22nd, 1941.

M. W. Bro. Stanley Dryden retired from the office of Grand Master at the 1940 Communication, and was succeeded by M. W. Bro. W. A. Downie who was re-elected for 1941-1942.

Following the declaration of war the Grand Master made an appeal for funds for the Red Cross which received generous response from the Craft. And again after the air raids on Great Britain an appeal was made which resulted in the sum of £2,117 being received and transmitted to the United Grand Lodge of England. This sum included not only donations from brethren and lodges, but also those from Royal Arch Chapters and Preceptories and a Chapter of the Rose Croix. For a Grand Lodge with a total membership of 4,198 brethren this is highly commendable and indicates the presence of a strong Masonic spirit, especially when it is seen that in addition to the aforementioned, large amounts were contributed to local institutions and benevolences.

Masonic education is being anxiously considered. A District Deputy Grand Master, after listening to an address delivered in a lodge suggests the formation of a lodge or other body to deal solely with this important side of Freemasonry. Another D.D.G.M. mentions the fact that many lodges are taking an active interest in affairs outside the accepted scope of Freemasonry which has the effect of causing the Order to be held in increasingly high public esteem.

In regard to the Air Raid Fund, a proposal was brought before Grand Lodge to make a levy on the membership of a specific amount per capita. After a spirited discussion this proposal was negatived as it was considered desirable to encourage voluntary contributions. One brother remarked that the predominant characteristic of Freemasonry was charity, and that CHARITY COULD NOT BE COMPULSORY.

There were 47 lodges on the roll with membership of 4,198 at December 31st, 1940.

W.R.D.

 TEXAS

"MASONRY DAY BY DAY"—such was the slogan used by Grand Master Leo Hart of the Grand Lodge of Texas when he started out his term of office and the result of that thought so forcibly inculcated into the minds of his brethren is reflected in the sessions of the One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication held in the City of Waco, December 4th, 1940.

There are few volumes of Masonic Proceedings that afford greater pleasure in reading and enlightenment than that derived by your reviewer from this Grand Lodge. The wealth of Masonic endeavour in both the spiritual and material plane show that the Rulers of the

Craft in the State of Texas are fully alive to the great responsibilities of the philosophy of Masonry in the lives of its members.

Many distinguished brethren from the Grand Jurisdictions contiguous to Texas attended and paid their respects in some well thought out addresses to the assembled brethren.

We are pleased to note the presence of Bro. R. O. Best, the Alberta representative. The honor of receiving the Grand Representatives fell to the lot of M. W. Bro. Fly as acting Grand Master, and in well chosen words he welcomed them, at the same time deploring the fact that as a result of the conditions in Europe many of the Lights of Grand Lodges have been extinguished. R. W. Bro. Lee Lockwood, P.G.M., replied.

The address of the Grand Master discloses a sincerity of purpose and devotion to the task set before him, and there can be no doubt but that his monthly letters were a source of great inspiration to the Craft. The suggestions of programmes and addresses offered could not but help arouse enthusiasm within the lodges and make for a better attendance, and what is of greater value, an intelligent approach to Masonry.

One new lodge was constituted, and dispensations were issued for three lodges; while one lodge surrendered its charter. Corner stones were laid by the Grand Master or his deputy in twelve new buildings during his term of office.

The Grand Lodge Magazine and the Grand Lodge Library receive warm words of commendation from the Grand Master.

Queer quirks in the mind of man lead to asking the most peculiar questions and to demand ruling of the Grand Master. As for instance, Master elect who was out of the State during the time provided by the Law for Installation enquired if he could be installed by "TELEPHONE". Obviously the answer was NO. And another one to ponder over was the case of a lodge meeting in a Temple with two lodge rooms, who requested a dispensation to hold a meeting of the lodge in both rooms at the same time in order to conduct the business of a stated meeting in one of the rooms while the same lodge would conduct a meeting in the other room for conducting examinations and other degree work. The lodge being an entity cannot divide itself, hence it cannot hold two meetings at the same time.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows an increase in membership of 2,173, making the total membership of 100,618 with 893 chartered lodges and three under dispensation.

A pleasing interlude in the sessions was the presentation of a silver gavel to Past Grand Master Fly by the Grand Master of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Tamaulipas, Republic of Mexico.

A very interesting report is that of the Committee on Masonic Education and Service, which might very well be termed "Masonry at Work". Its many avenues of endeavour cannot but lead to an enlightened membership if taken advantage of by the Craft. Divided in several sections they provide for the spiritual, material and intellectual wants of the brethren and form a tower of strength to the Grand Master in carrying out the designs he has laid down upon the

trestle board for his year of office. We note this committee worked out the average age of the new members raised during the year as 31 years and 10 months.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Fly, P.G.M., submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence and in his Foreword he asks the question: "Will Masonry Survive?" and in answering the question he quotes from the "Latest Developments in Freemasonry in Foreign Lands" by Bro. J. Edward Allen, the Report of the Board of Jurisprudence of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia by Reginald V. Harris, and "The Short Talk Bulletin" by Bro. Carl H. Claudy. It is an excellent summation of Masonic World conditions and causes us to stop and wonder just what does the future hold for us.

Alberta for 1940 is very thoroughly reviewed. He quotes M. W. Bro. Mitchell's Foreword without comment. This reviewer stands corrected on the matter of Bro. Fly's attendance at Grand Lodge and hopes and prays that he may be long spared to give Texas that leadership from his storehouse of Masonic experience that has made her one of the outstanding Grand Lodges of the American Union.

M. W. Grand Master -Sam B. Cantey, Jr.

R. W. Grand Secretary---George H. Belew.

W.I.

VICTORIA

The Proceedings reviewed contain records of the Quarterly Communications held during the year 1940, and of the Special Communication held on April 30th for the purpose of proclaiming the Grand Master and of Investing the other officers of Grand Lodge.

It appears that an election for the office of Grand Master is or has been unusual in Victoria, but there were two nominations for that office this time. The Constitution did not specify whether in such case a ballot was required, but the Deputy Grand Master ruled that such was desirable under the circumstances, and it resulted in the re-election of M. W. Bro. Byrne to that office. Subsequently the Constitution was revised making a ballot compulsory hereafter. But this ballot is not taken in Grand Lodge. For the office of Grand Master, and for the elected representatives on the Board of General Purposes, ballots are cast in the private lodges, and those unable to attend at Grand Lodge are therefore not deprived of their voice in the election.

M. W. Byrne on his proclamation addressed the Grand Lodge in a manner which reflects his great charitable tolerance. In an especial reference to the outbreak of war he says:

"I can suggest that the least that each of us can and should do is to refrain from and actively discountenance all carping and uninformed criticism of those who are burdened with the awful responsibility of guiding our destinies in this life and death struggle."

And he submitted a beautiful prayer which was printed and circulated among the lodges with his desire that it be offered at the con-

clusion of lodge business. He afterwards directed that when this prayer is offered the brethren should face the East.

Amendments to the Constitution were as follows:

(1) When members have enlisted in the forces of the Empire their subscriptions may be remitted by the Lodges, and that in such cases no Grand Lodge assessment shall apply.

(2) An application for a Travelling warrant for a military unit was not granted.

(3) A motion to amend the Constitution making the majority of the members of the Board of General Purposes elective was not agreed to.

(4) It was proposed to amend the Constitution to empower Grand Lodge to make grants out of the Benevolent Fund for National or Patriotic purposes. It was not necessary, however, to submit this motion as the National Security Regulations had been amended conferring this blanket authority on all bodies, incorporated or not, and presumably relieving them of all legal consequences of so doing in the absence of Constitutional authority.

The Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge was requested to consider itself a Committee of the Commonwealth Department of Information, which request was complied with and the President of the Board was appointed to represent Grand Lodge on the State Advisory Council.

The National Security Regulations empower a committee of any body to suspend from membership an enemy alien and Grand Lodge decided that when any lodge took such action fees and subscriptions of the suspended brother be not payable during such suspension.

An item of interest to us in Canada is in the fact that 153 dispensations were issued "to enable a candidate to be proposed and seconded where either of his sponsors did not have 12 months personal knowledge of such candidate.

Communications from several of the Grand Lodges in Canada were acknowledged in which information was sought concerning the arrival in Canada from Australia of brothers passing through the Dominion.

A long and interesting letter was received from M. W. Bro. Lord Huntingfield, Past Grand Master of Victoria, and now Senior Grand Warden of England. A message of sympathy in their sufferings and of admiration of their fortitude was sent to the brethren in England.

M. W. Bro. Byrne was again nominated for the office of Grand Master for the year 1941, but as there was another nomination an election will be again necessary.

Up to the end of the year 1939 membership increased by 889 and eight new lodges were erected during the year.

The institutions for the administration of Benevolence are all well attended to. Apart from income received from investments,

rents etc., there was subscribed by lodges and individuals for this purpose some \$70,000.00.

In reviewing the proceedings of Alberta for 1940 V. W. Bro. Hamilton Smith remarks:

"I trust that he (the reviewer) will remember that a small number can make a great noise". This has allusion to the report on Victoria which appears in our 1940 Proceedings, and the reviewer stands corrected.

W.R.D.

VIRGINIA

The One Hundred and Sixty-second Annual Communication was held in the City of Richmond on the 13th February, 1940.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Judge Needham S. Turnbull, Jr., presided. Twelve Past Grand Masters were presented to the Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was honoured by the following distinguished visitors, the Grand Master, District of Columbia, accompanied by his Deputy Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden; Past Grand Master of West Virginia; Grand Master of Delaware; the Grand Master and Senior Grand Warden of North Carolina; the Senior Grand Warden and Grand Secretary of South Carolina and the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Alberta was again represented by its Grand Representative, W. Bro. Frank F. Champion.

After extending a warm welcome to the brethren present, the Grand Master gave a detailed account of his acts and activities. It is apparent from his report that he visited and travelled extensively throughout his Grand Jurisdiction, to use his own words he says, "I have been in every nook and cranny of the Commonwealth" and as a result he was greatly inspired by the apparent desire for service and the effort put forward to make the world a better place to live in. He sums up by stating that as a result of his contacts and observations he is "more fully convinced than ever before that Freemasonry is one of the great instrumentalities used by the One True God for the advancement and betterment of mankind."

Forty-seven D.D.G.M.'s presented their reports, out of a total of fifty-eight Districts, four of which are vacant. There is much of interest in these reports, but space does not permit any specific reference.

The conclusion to the Fraternal Correspondence by R. W. Bro. James M. Clift is most interesting and historical.

Lodges 330. Members 38,740. Loss 466.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Richmond, 11th February, 1941.

M. W. Grand Master—Thomas J. Traylor, Roanoke.

R. W. Grand Secretary—James M. Clift, Richmond.

J.M.

WASHINGTON

The Eighty-third Annual Communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Washington was convened at Bellingham on the 18th June, 1940, with the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Charles P. Kirtland, presiding.

We are pleased to note that M. W. Bro. Kirtland at one time was Accountant in the old Merchants Bank at New Westminster, B.C., and was intimate with the Pacific Northwest, spending sometime at Skagway and Wrangell, Alaska.

In the list of Grand Representatives we note the name of M. W. Bro. Frank N. McCandless, the representative for Alberta.

The Address of the Grand Master, while consisting largely of an account of his stewardship, nevertheless scans the far horizon of Masonry, imbuing his Grand Lodge with a deep sense of their responsibilities and exhorting them to face up squarely to the situation and not allow themselves to be deluded into the belief that "It can't Happen Here".

Among his visitations we observe that to the Victoria Columbia Lodge No. 1 B.C.R., when the Grand Masters of Washington and British Columbia were able to fraternise together and we are sure such a visit would be to the advantage of both and demonstrate the universality of Masonry.

During his term of office three special communications were called for the purpose of laying corner stones of three new Masonic Temples, thus indicating the progressive movement of Masonry in that State.

Among his rulings and decisions we cull the following:

"That it was entirely improper and un-Masonic for a lodge to set up a fund on its books for the purpose of making loans to prospective candidates who did not have sufficient funds to pay the initiation fee at the time they presented their petition."

One of the most pleasing ceremonies was the reception of the Past Grand Masters and the witty address of the Deputy Grand Master in receiving them.

The Report of the Grand Historian is a lengthy document dealing with "Masonic Moral Mandates" and while we may not feel free to subscribe to some of his doctrines, nevertheless the reader will find much food for thought.

A very thoughtful and inspiring address was delivered by the Grand Orator, W. Bro. Howard D. Stabler.

In the review of the Proceedings of other Jurisdictions the "Foreword" deals with the question of:

"To what extent may Freemasonry take cognizance of current political, economic, and social problems."

The discussion that follows is interesting and we are led to the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of Washington reaffirms its faith in the fundamental principles and forms of democratic government and firm in that belief, condemns all tendency toward dictatorship whether

as a result of Fascism, Communism, Naziism or under whatsoever guise or looking to whatsoever professed ends.

Alberta for 1939 is fraternally reviewed, and we thank the reviewer for his thorough and sympathetic resume' of our proceedings.

M. W. Grand Master—Matthew W. Hill.

R. W. Grand Secretary—H. W. Tyler.

W.I.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Proceedings for year ending May, 1940.

In our last review we quoted at length from the addresses of the Grand Master M. W. Bro. Dr. J. S. Battye. We now quote the following extracts from his addresses for the last term of office:—

"We have changed during the centuries from operative to speculative Masonry and though the skilled craftsmen of olden time may have left magnificent cathedrals and monuments of architecture that will stand for ages as evidence of their skill, even those things are not so enduring as the principles of piety, humanity, universal brotherhood and benevolence that should characterise the sincere Freemason of today."

"What then is the good of Freemasonry, and why are we Freemasons? Is it not because we are impressed with the conviction that in the past Freemasonry has played no mean part in working out the destinies of the human race, that it is definitely needed in the present dislocation of world affairs, and that it is destined to play a still greater part in the future. We are proud to belong to an Institution whose tenets represent the ideals of life, and within whose boundaries we have the opportunity of applying those principles to the betterment of mankind. Within the Craft we cannot fail to influence one another, and if we are true to our obligations that influence must be for the general good, through the practice of those Masonic virtues that characterise a good man and a true Freemason. But there is a wider sphere. There is the undoubted effect that a compact body of men affirming and carrying into the affairs of life high principles and ideals must of necessity exert upon the life of the community, not only its immediate community, but, as part of a universal organisation, upon the life of nations and of the world."

"In all these changing conditions there is need for a return to the basic principles of right and wrong, of unselfishness and love, of brotherhood and service, which have stood without change in the midst of all changes. They have been taught by schools of religion and ethics since civilisation first began, and within the tenets of speculative Freemasonry they have been preserved. Those tenets are not the product of any one system, whether of religion, ethics or economics. They are the embodiment of the common great truths in all, and propound those truths without regard to race or colour, nationality or creed, demanding only a firm belief in a personal and omniscient Deity. Speculative Freemasonry is therefore more fitted than any

other human organization to help forward the great ideal of universal peace and goodwill, and the forces that are striving to safeguard our civilisation might well take advantage of the co-operation that the Craft can offer."

The Grand Master suggested that Festive Boards be as simple as possible as all available funds would be required to assist cases of distress.

The Constitution of the Grand Master was amended by deleting the provision which provided that no Brother should hold a position of Grand Master for a longer consecutive period than five years. The discussion on this motion, which is reported verbatim, was scholarly and instructive. The history of the practice was reviewed at length and authorities quoted. A considerable period of the discussion however, had to do with the personality of the present Grand Master, whose term was about to expire. The high personal regard expressed for him was most flattering.

The Grand Master was re-elected for his fifth consecutive term.

In connection with the report of the Library Committee, the Grand Master pointed out that each quarterly report of the committee showed that the number of books issued for the quarter was slightly less than for the previous period.

The Grand Lodge decided to purchase a site for their proposed new Temple.

As an incidental, we note that a piano that had been in constant use for thirty years had been replaced. This move does not appear to savor of extravagance.

We note that grants under the Widows', Orphans and Aged Freemasons amounted to over \$24,000.00.

We were more than pleased to find again the very interesting and readable report on Foreign Correspondence by R. W. Bro. Arch-deacon. The educational value of this report cannot be too highly praised.

Active Lodges 158. Total members 9,953. Increase of 156 over the previous year.

E.T.B.

WEST VIRGINIA

The Seventy-sixth Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in Parkersburg on the 16th of October, 1940, and was presided over by the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Robert S. Lemon.

Grand Lodge was well attended, 161 of the 164 chartered lodges being represented. Sixteen Past Grand Masters were present as well as the sixteen District Deputy Grand Masters. Alberta was represented by M. W. Bro. Frank F. Flaig.

In his address the Grand Master records that he travelled extensively through his Grand Jurisdiction. He gives a detailed account of

some of the visits. He states he met many old and made many new friends, and that he will long remember many of the meetings. He gives an account of his attendance at the Grand Masters' Conference held in Washington, D.C., and found that this gave an opportunity of considering problems of mutual interest concerning Masonry in all parts of the United States and Canada. He also attended the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association held in Alexandria, and was impressed with the fact that it was still possible to gather in peace and harmony through the efforts of the one whose memory they revered.

The Grand Master had a somewhat unique experience for he states that he was not called upon to make any decisions or issue any edicts.

Remarking on the fact that he was fortunate in having a fine group of District Deputy Grand Masters, he stated that "The position of District Deputy Grand Master is an important one and careful thought should be given to the selection of these brethren." We heartily concur in the statement.

We note, with interest, that he refused to issue a dispensation to elect and invest a Junior Warden, to succeed the one elected and invested and who had moved out of the state. He held that the office should be filled pro tem until the next regular election.

The Grand Lecturer's report gives a brief but interesting outline of the formation of this Grand Lodge, together with a very complete story regarding the ritual used, as well as the methods adopted for giving a practical working knowledge of the same to officers of the various constituent lodges.

In the Report of the Committee on Financial Survey reference is made to the delinquency on the part of lodges to pay interest and principal on funds borrowed from the Krug Endowment with the resultant lack of income to the Home for the care of old Masons, widows and orphans, and the Trustees are asking for the support of every member of the Craft, in their efforts to enforce the payment of these arrears as well as current payments.

During the year Grand Lodge sustained the loss of two Past Grand Masters, by death, M. W. Bro. F. C. Steinbicker, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. W. T. Morris, P.G.M.

The Foreword to the Report on Foreign Correspondence is well worth reading and strikes the true note stating quite forcibly what should be our endeavours, Masonically and otherwise, due to present war conditions. We congratulate the Reviewer, M. W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner and reply, "So mote it be."

The review of Alberta's Proceedings for 1939 is very generous. We appreciate the personal touch injected into this review.

The next Annual Communication will be held at Wheeling, on the 15th October, 1941.

M. W. Bro. Porter L. Marsh, Parsons, Grand Master.

M. W. Bro. I. Wade Coffman, Charleston, Grand Secretary.

J.M.

WISCONSIN

The Ninety-sixth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee on June 11th and 12th, 1940.

M. W. Bro. George F. Lounsbury, Grand Master, presided and the sessions each day were preceded by an organ recital.

305 out of the 308 lodges in the jurisdiction were represented. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present. Alberta was not represented. Among the distinguished visitors received with honors by Grand Lodge was the Grand Master's son from Iowa.

Past Junior Grand Warden Frank E. Noyes registered his 54th consecutive attendance at Grand Lodge.

Past Junior Grand Warden Wesley J. Cochrane and Past Grand Lecturer George H. Keenan died during the year.

The Grand Master announced that he had appointed R. W. Bro. A. D. Currie of Crossfield as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin near the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

It can be but seldom in the history of this or any other Grand Lodge that such a painstaking, enthusiastic and efficient Grand Master as M. W. Bro. Lounsbury holds office. His report shows an excellent year's work in what might be termed the physical, mental and spiritual spheres of Grand Lodge. He tried with some success to bring Grand Lodge closer to the Craft. Under his direction each of the principal Grand Lodge officers received a list of ten lodges with a request to visit them. This was done and the results were eminently satisfactory. These visits were in no sense inspections but just friendly calls. During the year frequent meetings of the principal Grand Lodge officers were held and the Grand Master attended at the Grand Lodge offices from one to three hours a day. M. W. Bro. Lounsbury lost his wife a few days after he was installed as Grand Master and the sympathy of Grand Lodge and of his brethren throughout the jurisdiction was a real comfort to him.

Some of the special meetings were on a large scale. The annual assembly of Masons of Milwaukee county was attended by 2,600. The annual dramatic presentation of the historical lecture of the Third Degree at Madison was attended by 1,300 Masons representing 170 Wisconsin lodges and 40 lodges from beyond the jurisdiction.

The Grand Master assumed personal charge of the work in connection with the small lodges for which amalgamation was recommended. Of the twelve lodges in this class only two had their charters arrested and the others it is expected will return to active work. General conditions throughout the jurisdiction and prospects for the future are both good.

Some of the Grand Master's actions are interesting. He suspended the Worshipful Master of a lodge following his arrest and plea of guilty on a charge of forgery. He ordered the Senior Warden to assume charge and directed that upon the expiration of the official term of the

Worshipful Master charges be preferred against him and that he be brought to trial.

Thirty-three Schools of Instruction were held under the direction of M. W. Bro. Maxwell Jenks, Grand Lecturer.

A committee which had been appointed to look into the question of life membership had received reports from 44 Grand Jurisdictions. Ten of these did not permit life membership and twenty-four others discouraged it. All of the jurisdictions heard from compelled the lodge to collect Grand Lodge dues and assessments. The committee recommended a minimum period of 35 years continuous membership in the lodge granting life membership and that all life members pay Grand Lodge per capita and assessment. After some discussion of the committee's report the question was laid over by Grand Lodge. Wisconsin lodges now pay to Grand Lodge per member 50c general, 10c charity, and 80c Masonic Home maintenance--a total of \$1.40. Ninety-six men and women are cared for in the Home which is a major activity of Grand Lodge. An inmate died during the year at the age of 101.

Eighty 50-year certificates were issued during the year.

Ten appeals were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. It is a Masonic offence in this jurisdiction to "remain excluded for non-payment of dues for two years unless the same is due to pecuniary inability." Two of the appeals were made by groups of members of lodges suspended for unmasonic conduct under this regulation. In one lodge 193 members were suspended and in another 120 members. In the first case sentence was confirmed on 140, 46 were found guilty but were given an opportunity to pay and seven were found not guilty. In the second case the sentences on 94 were confirmed, on ten stayed, in 12 cases the charges were withdrawn. In four cases the members were dead when the charges were laid. The first lodge had 1,272 members and the second, 1,087.

An interesting case was referred to the incoming Grand Master. A brother now over 80 was initiated and passed in one lodge in the jurisdiction in 1902 and passed and raised in another lodge in the jurisdiction. He was never enrolled in Grand Lodge as each of the lodges concerned thought that this had been done by the other. He had never paid dues since his initiation and he thought that he had been exempt because of his status as a minister of the gospel. The question arose following his application to enter the Masonic Home.

M. W. Bro. Frank Jenks in his excellent report on Foreign Correspondence gives Alberta generous and complimentary mention.

Lodges 308. Members 51,551. Loss 337.

M. W. Grand Master--David O. Stine, Reedsburg.

R. W. Grand Secretary--William F. Weiler, Milwaukee.

F.P.G.

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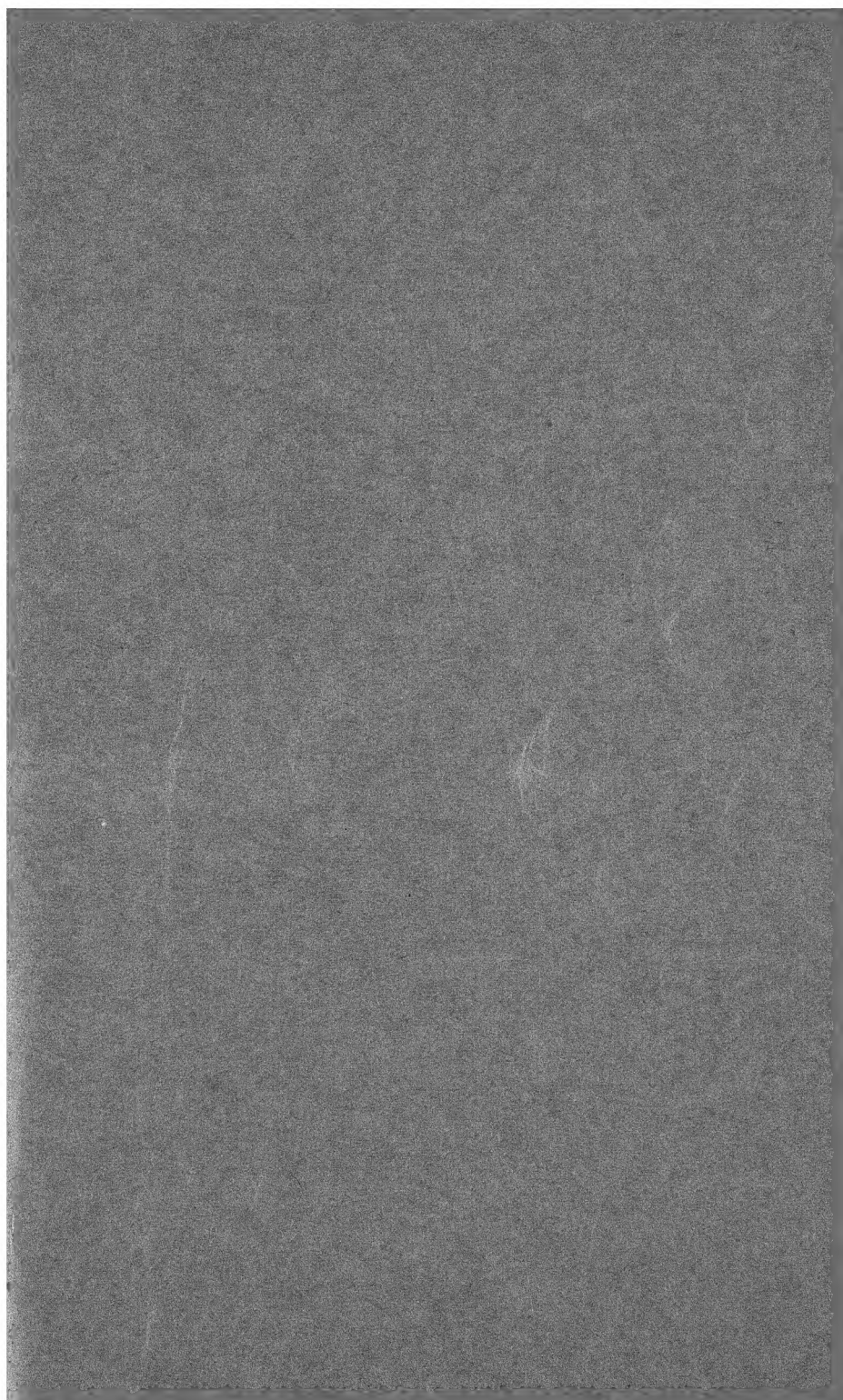
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